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MAJOR CONNOLLY'S VIEWS

More Revenue Is Badly Needed, and So Is a Republican President.

The Chicago *Tribune* secured signed statements from a number of Illinois congressmen regarding the President's financial message and the prospects for financial legislation. Among them was Congressman Connolly of this district, who expressed his views as follows:

All necessary appropriations for carrying on the government must, of course, be made, but the government cannot be run on the present and lately past scale of expenditure, for the good reason that we cannot afford it. We are running in debt every day, and are likely to every day Mr. Cleveland remains President, for he is not willing to join congress in the only possible way of getting enough money to pay expenses, that is, by such changes in the tariff schedules as will not only bring us enough revenue, but will encourage industries in our land. We had no trouble in this country about treasury notes or gold or silver until the country turned its back on the American doctrine of protection.

Mr. Cleveland wants to keep the Wilson-Gorman tariff, whether it brings us revenue enough or not, as he believes in paying our running expenses by issuing our bonds, and his great worry is that congress will not let him specifically promise to pay the bonds in gold. He wants to pay debts on the Pickwickian plan of issuing I. O. U.'s.

JAMES A. CONNOLLY,
Seventeenth District.

Cycling.

Eddie Bald is going to be an attraction at the coming cycle show. The hero of the path is resting now at his home in Buffalo, dreaming of diamonds to come and more laurel wreaths. Everybody will want to see the "cannon ball," just as they wished to see Zimmy last year. But it is to be hoped that Bald will not be frightened away by the attempt to get him to make a speech from the rostrum. Zimmerman's modesty compelled him to dodge away from the show when that plan was tried. But will Cabanne, Titus and Murphy be there?

The L. A. W. is being asked to refuse to sanction contests in small armories and halls where cycling races must be run upon board floors. So many deplorable accidents have attended this board floor racing this year that its former adherents are up in arms against it. No careful cyclist will risk his life and limbs upon a level floor. Unfortunately for some wheelmen, they do not appear to consider the risks they run and therefore the league may act as guardian over these men.

Among the many novelties which will be shown at the cycle show of the National Cycle Exhibition Company, opening Jan. 4 at Tattersall's, will be tire-repair outfits designed for the permanent repair of the tires on the road. The increasing popularity of the single tube or "hose pipe" tire has called into the market many devices for its complete repair, and the attention of inventors has been directed to the designing of appliances which would accomplish the desired end. The detachable tires are all repaired in about the same general way. The outer cover or shoe is removed, which is done in different ways, according to the arrangement provided; and a patch is cemented to the outside of the inner tube, the shoe is then replaced and tire inflated. In the double tube tires a repair is a matter of more time, unless the tire be provided with a patching strip, as in the case of a tire made by a Chicago firm. The tire must be removed from the rim, a lacing cut, and the inner tube drawn out. This is patched in the same manner as with a detachable tire, and the inner tube is then replaced and the cover re cemented in the rim. In the case of a single tube tire, where the tube if cover and shoe and air chamber, there is but one wall, and the repair must be made from the outside.

Aluminium Legs and Ears.

[Hardware.]

"Perhaps you may doubt the veracity of my statement, young man," said a well known aluminium manufacturer to a representative of Hardware recently, "but is is, nevertheless, true that we are making artificial arms and legs of aluminium, and artificial ears have been already constructed of that metal. As an adjunct to the science of dentistry, it needs no recommendation, its long use in this connection being a guarantee of its popularity. Yes, it is being used in a great many other ways also; for horseshoes, army equipments, racing-shells, cooking utensils, and is entering largely into the construction of yachts and torpedo boats, and, in fact, is being adopted wherever it is possible."

All They Could Eat.

Sheriff Nicholson gave the prisoners in the county jail a fine Christmas dinner. They had all they could eat.

NO BETTER soft coal in this market than Lincoln or Mt. Olive. Buy it of M. F. Metz. Personally he can be found at the yard office, 800 North Broadway. For Broadway office, Old Phone, 433; New Phone, 435. Also leave orders with T. W. Cann, 628 North Main, or with Harry Metz, at King & Metz' drug store. Hard coal, all sizes, always in stock at market prices. Nov. 11-dtf

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Lowest holiday prices. Special display at the uptown office, J. B. Bullard's establishment on North Main street.

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THE Champaign *Times* was 20 years old last Saturday.

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SILK AND CASHMERE MUFFLERS.
Polka dots and all the fancy stripes. Prices 25c to $3.

GLOVES AND MITTENS.
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At 50c to $3 50 a garment.

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The newest things in puffs, tecks, four-in-hands, Windsors, and Bows. Prices 25c to $1.25.

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Cheaper than ever. If you want an overcoat that is right in price and style come and see us. Men's ulsters $3 50 to $20. Men's overcoats $3.50 to $25. Boys' overcoats and ulsters $2.50 to $10.

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$7 to $10 Pattern Hats go for 3.00
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MORGAN'S SCHEME

To Back the Government by an American Syndicate

AND TO REGULATE THE FLOW OF GOLD,

As it is Done in London, Paris and Berlin, by Arbitrary Manipulations of the Money Market in the Matter of Interest.

CHICAGO, Dec. 27.—A Washington special says:

J. Pierpont Morgan's proposition to organize the consolidated banks of New York for the protection of the federal gold reserve is a natural outgrowth of the business alliance formed with the government by the Morgan-Belmont-Rothschild syndicate last winter, but with this important difference: The foreign element is left out of the deal, and the government's banking partners are Americans. The government is freed from the necessity of asking for or accepting favors from old world capitalists.

The consolidated banks of New York known as the "Clearing-house banks" number 66 with an aggregate capital and surplus of $118,000,000. Operating as one institution for the accomplishment of a set purpose they exert a wonderful influence. In a solidly-welded form they may be able to do what J. Pierpont Morgan has assured the president they can do, viz: Regulate the flow of gold to and from this country by arbitrary manipulation of the money market.

Mr. Morgan holds the theory that the gold market is on a delicate equilibrium, and that its flow from one point to another is regulated by the rates of interest prevailing. He points to the fact that when the banks of France or England want gold they get it by marking up the rate of interest and that when they are willing to release gold they loosen up on the money markets and the stuff then starts wherever money is dearest.

What has been done successfully and without friction in London and Paris, Mr. Morgan insists, can be done in New York, and that whenever this fact is proved the government gold reserve will cease to be an object of interest and solicitude to the business world, as its safety will be assured. Furthermore, he believes that by engaging in this scheme the bankers of his city will have placed New York, by one stroke, on an equal footing with London, Paris and Berlin as factors in international finance.

MIMIC WAR.

Sensational Raid on Eastern Kentucky Moonshiners.

LEXINGTON, Ky., Dec. 27.—Internal Revenue Agent Colyar of Louisville passed through here yesterday for home. He gave the details of the most sensational raid yet made on eastern Kentucky moonshiners since the present administration began.

With a posse of about ten prominent revenue officials Capt. Colyar went into the western part of Letcher county, which has been infested by moonshiners for many years until they have become so bold that they conducted their distilleries openly, gathered about them a large number of daring mountaineers and defied the atthorities to interfere with their business.

The officials were met with armed resistance, headed by "Kid" Greer, and after a red-hot battle, in which over one hundred shots were fired, the moonshiners were driven off. Four of them were captured, including Greer, who was dangerously wounded. An 80-gallon still was destroyed together with several hundred gallons of mash ready for distillation. The prisoners were taken to Prestonburg and put in jail.

The officials say there are a great many more illicit stills in this section that they intend to destroy, and a raid of large proportions will be made in the near future.

STRUCK BY A PRIEST

And Denounced as a "Bad Woman" for Keeking Company with a Protestant.

ELYRIA, O., Dec. 27.—A riot was nearly caused in Grafton Wednesday by the priest of the church there denouncing a young woman as being a "bad woman." She went to him accompanied by her sister. It is charged that Father Clair struck her a heavy blow. A crowd soon gathered and there was much excitement. The trouble was caused, it is said, by the lady keeping company with a Protestant. No arrests have been made.

AN AWFUL POSSIBILITY.

Charged with Burning His House in which His Daughter was Suffocated.

SCRANTON, Pa., Dec. 27.—Fire yesterday almost entirely destroyed the residence of Edward Lynn in South Scranton, and his nine-year-old daughter Belinda, was suffocated. Just before the fire started Lynn quarreled with his wife and in his fury he drove her and another daughter from the house. Belinda was asleep up stairs at the time. Soon afterward the dwelling was found to be on fire. Lynn was arrested on the charge of arson.

Shot Himself in the Presence of His Sweetheart.

LEXINGTON, Ky., Dec. 27.—Walker Ramsey and his sweetheart, Martha Warner, had a quarrell in the Warner parlor at Owingsville Wednesday night. He drew a pistol, and, before she could disarm him, shot himself in the breast, inflicting a fatal wound. Miss Warner is prostrated.

Naval Intelligence.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—The navy department has been informed that the Ranger has been placed out of commission at the Mare Island navy yard and that the Adams has been placed in commission there.

THE collector for Delevan township gives a bond for $50,000.

A PLEA FOR PATRIOTISM

To Overcome Partisan Bias in Providing Financial Legislation.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—The members of the New York produce exchange, at a meeting yesterday, unanimously passed the following resolutions:

WHEREAS, The members of the New York produce exchange view with concern the depletion of the gold reserve of the United States treasury, resulting in distrust of the government's ability and determination to meet its obligations, tending to gravely injure all business interests and disastrously affect values; therefore,

Resolved, That we strongly urge upon congress the necessity of taking, in accordance with the recommendations contained in the recent message of President Cleveland, such immediate action at this time as will meet the exigencies of the case and restore public confidence in the financial ability and integrity of our government; and we appeal to the patriotism of our representatives to see that the action taken is free from any political bias or party prejudice which might endanger its success; and,

Resolved, That the president of the exchange is directed to transmit a copy of these resolutions to the president of the United States senate and the speaker of the house and to each member of the New York delegation in congress.

AID FOR ARMENIANS

The Women of Chicago Take the Matter in Hand.

CHICAGO, Dec. 27.—A meeting of society woman from all sections of Chicago and its suburbs was held yesterday at the office of Dr. Sarah Hackett Stevenson, for the purpose of devising means to contribute a substantial sum of money to the Armenian relief fund, which the Red Cross society will distribute. The main plan decided on is to give a series of entertainments in various parts of the city and the suburban towns during the next month and swell the relief fund by the proceeds. Other women will solicit subscriptions in cash from the board of trade and similar sources. A letter was read from Frances Willard, saying she would aid with her services and money. It was also announced that Miss Clara Barton, the Red Cross president, would be in Chicago soon to help in the work.

MILLLIONS OF CENTS.

An Inside View of the Workings of the Philadelphia Mint.

CHICAGO, Dec. 27.—James Crossley, an attache of the Philadelphia mint, who is visiting William Woods at the Victoria hotel, says that the mint has turned out 10,000,000 one-cent pieces in the last four weeks.

Ten presses, he says have been kept at work until late at night, trying to fill the orders of merchants throughout the country who wished them for the holiday trade.

"The largest purchaser of cents," says Mr. Crossley, "is the firm of Marshall, Field & Co., of this city, which purchased nearly three millions of them, or about one-third of the total output. Macey & Co., of New York, and Wanamaker, of Philadelphia, also purchased large quantities, the former ordering 1,000,000 at a shipment."

The demand for nickels has also been very large, Mr. Crossley says, but there was no occasion to coin any because the various mints were well stocked with them.

PASSED THE HOUSE.

The President's Request for More Revenue Promptly Responded to.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—The house yesterday responded to the appeal of the president by passing a tariff bill, the operation of which is limited to 2½ years, and which is designed to raise $10,000,000 for the relief of the treasury. The bond bill will be passed today. The vote yesterday was on party lines, with two exceptions, and resulted as follows: Yeas, 205; nays, 81.

LEXOW INDICTMENTS

Against Members of the New York Police Department Dismissed.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—In the court of oyer and terminer yesterday morning indictments against a number of members of the police department which were found as a result of disclosures before the Lexow committee were dismissed. The men against whom indictments were found and which were dismissed yesterday were: Former Capt. Michael J. Murphy, dead; Sergeants George C. Liebers, Hugh Clark, Charles A. Parkerson and James W. Jordan; Wardmen John Hoch, Bernard Meehan, Jeremiah S. Levy and George Smith, and Roundsmen Michael A. Dows, John Kenny and A. S. Larkin.

The others, Col. Fellows said, would be brought to trial shortly.

A TRAIN RIDDLED

With Bullets and Stones by a Bad Gang Who Had Been Put Off.

ANDERSON, Ind., Dec. 27.—As the east-bound Indiana Midland mail was coming into Lapel, west of this city, last night, the engineer was signalled to stop the train. As he slackened, a volley of bullets and rocks was hurled into the coach breaking the windows. Luckily no one was injured, although the windows were pretty generally wrecked.

Warrants were issued last night as a result for the arrest of the gang known as "the Lawson crowd." It is thought that they did the work. They came to Anderson the first of the week and returning tried to run the train and were put off.

A QUADRUPLE ALLIANCE

To Oppose the Enforcement of the Monroe Doctrine.

LONDON, Dec. 27.—The Daily News publishes a dispatch from Vienna stating that Lord Salisbury, the British prime minister, is negotiating with France and Holland with a view to adopting common action against the policy of President Cleveland. Spain, the dispatch adds, has already assured Great Britain of her agreement with the latter on the question. It is believed that Great Britain, France, Holland and Spain will form a quadruple alliance to protect their American possessions against the United States.

THE Sibley Seed C... has been incorporated.

RAILROAD BUILDING

Reached the Lowest Point in Twenty Years in 1895.

THE BOTTOM SUPPOSED TO BE REACHED

And Great Activity During the Coming Year Expected—Promise to Maintain the East-Bound Presidents' Agreement Hereafter.

CHICAGO, Dec. 27.—To-day's issue of the Railway Age contains the following in regard to railway construction during the past year:

"Railway building in the United States reached this year a lower point than in any of the last 20 years; indeed in only two years since 1865, 30 years ago, has so small a milage been built. Records for 1895 now show only 1,782 miles of track laid—a tremendous decline from the great year of 1887, when almost thirteen thousand miles were put down. In the eight years since that time the decrease in construction has been great and continuous, and this year the total built was only about a hundred miles more than in the year 1855, 40 years ago. Fifteen states made no increase in railroad mileage at all last year, only one New England state—Maine—laying any track, and that only 86 miles. Texas leads the list with 224 miles."

The Railway Age thinks the bottom has now been reached, and predicts great activity during the coming year. The railways of the United States, on December 1, will aggregate a little over one hundred and eighty-one thousand miles.

The claim is now made by those east-bound lines which have been most active in cutting freight rates to the east that they were obliged to do so on account of contracts which were on hand when the presidents' agreement was made and which could not be nullified. These contracts, they claim, will end at the beginning of the new year, and the agreement will then be rigidly maintained.

DRIVEN TO THE WALL.

The Spanish Forces Penned Up in Jovellanos by Insurgents.

KEY WEST, Fla., Dec. 26.—Advices were received from Cuba to-day that a battle occurred yesterday afternoon between the vanguards of the insurgents and Spanish armies and that the Spaniards were repulsed. Col. Prat, who commanded the Spanish vanguard, was killed.

Martinez Campos was present and directed the retreat of the Spaniards to Jovellanos. Campos' forces are now entrenched at that place, expecting to be attacked by Gomez' main army. Campos has armed all the civilians in Jovellanos and is forcing them to do military duty.

OVERSTOCKED!

We bought very heavily for this fall's trade and, as every one knows, business has not been what it should have been. The result is that we find we have entirely too much clothing, which we must positively sell, and we are therefore going to offer a reduction of

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FRIDAY, DEC. 27, 1895.

If a war between this country and England should break out what would we do with the mugwumps?

Senator Palmer was protectionist enough to insist upon a stiff duty on wire, and there is no reason why he cannot vote for the committee bill to increase tariff duties to replenish the treasury. Free trade is a good deal like the Mosaical law in this respect. If a free trader violates it in one point, he is guilty of breaking it as a whole.

It is rumored that several of our embassadors to European courts have announced their determination to resign unless Mr. Cleveland modifies his position on the Monroe doctrine. Let them resign promptly, for whenever an embassador ceases to recognize and defend the patriotism and power of the country he represents he is accepting a salary under false pretenses.

That was a sharp and timely rap Representative Henderson gave the Democratic members of the ways and means committee when they were trying by every sort of subterfuge to delay the formation of the bill to amend the Democratic tariff law so as to produce revenue sufficient to meet the expenses of the government. The bill was not proposed as a partisan measure, but as a measure to support the position taken by the president with reference to the Monroe doctrine. The treasury needed gold for the reserve fund, and it needed money to meet its expenses, and yet the Democratic members of that committee persisted in dragging partisanship into the discussion until Henderson tiring of their stupidity said:

"This is a business proposition for the relief of a business people. When the Bayard resolution was under discussion in the house the other day, the Republicans were taunted by Mr. Crisp with tears to take the responsibility. We'll show him to day whether or not the Republicans are afraid to take responsibility. Whether a Republican or Democratic president sits in the executive, whether we are confronted by ballots or bullets, whether we are confronted with a deficiency or a surplus, Republicans are always ready to assume all rightful and necessary responsibility. When the Democrat ass falls into a pit of its own making, with the burden of national responsibility upon its back, the Republicans will work on Sunday to get it out and set the country on its feet again.

"The gentleman from Georgia, Mr. Crisp, has said this was a bill to tax the people. My God! that a Democrat should talk about taxation! The house of representatives hasn't the power to vote to pay back the people the billions which they have lost in labor profits and business since the Democratic party came came into power on the 4th of March, 1893."

Gomez Strategy.

Gen. Gomez is proving himself to be not only an able strategist but a statesman as well and if the insurgents prove loyal to the cause and permit Gomez to direct them the freedom of Cuba is assured. His last movement was a master stroke in military tactics and is calculated to seriously cripple the cause of Spain and proportionately advance the cause of the Cubans. The provinces of Havana and Matanzas running east 150 miles from the city of Havana and over 50 miles wide are the richest in Cuba. Many miles of railroad traverse this territory and the people are wealthy, owning large plantations, and are generally loyal to Spain. To protect this territory from the patriots the Spanish general, Campos, took possession of Santa Clara at the eastern gateway to this territory and assured the people that he would protect them. He had in the neighborhood of 50,000 Spanish soldiers in his immediate command. A week ago Gen. Gomez, commanding the insurgents, approached Gen. Campos with 15,000 men in three columns. A light column of troops was pushed up near the left of Campos' line and were attacked by the latter. This move was a bit of strategy, for while the Spanish general was busying himself with this column, Gomez with his army flanked the Spanish position and rendered it worthless. This was done practically without loss. Having done this the patriots began laying the rich territory in ashes, destroying the crops and completely ripping up the railroads. Day by day they are getting nearer Havana, and the Spanish general is powerless to stop their triumphal march. The cry has gone forth in Havana that the city is in danger. This will compell Campos, instead of attempting to follow up the Cubans, to again put himself between them and the city. This will require a great amount of labor and delay and in the meantime the insurgents can go on with their work of laying waste these provinces upon which Spain depends so much. The chances are that the insurgents have no idea of taking Havana. It would be no use to them. With the forts that command the city they could not hold it if they had it. But they could open the way for sympathizers in Havana to join them, and having accomplished the destruction of the crops and augmented their ranks with sympathizers, they are liable, if no misfortune befalls them, to make a rapid march back to Colon. The effect of this bit of splendid strategy and courage will be far-reaching and will seriously cripple the Spaniards, and may have the effect of winning the cause for Cuba. If Spain could not protect this territory the government is useless, and people will take that view of it.

The Biter Bitten.

Again Russia has come to the aid of the United States, in a critical time, if reports can be relied upon. In doing so Russia has enabled President Cleveland to secure a point against the syndicate that deceived him in placing the last bond issue, making for themselves many millions of dollars. When the flurry occurred in American securities in London and New York, and gold was being drawn from the government vaults and another bond issue seemed inevitable, the president was apprised of the fact that Russia was willing to take the bonds. While thus assured, the president was notified by the syndicate that placed the recent bonds that government bonds, under existing circumstances, could not be sold at all. But subsequently Mr. Morgan, of New York, who negotiated the last fifty million of the bonds, learned of the comfortable position the president was in on account of the Russian proposition, and at once hastened to Washington to notify the president that he had changed his mind and wanted to float the new bonds. These anglo-maniacs, who were trying to hold up the government that protects them and their capital, were thus held up and exposed in their skin game by the offer from Russia. It is hoped Mr. Cleveland has learned a lesson from this event that will prevent him in the future from relying upon the statements of those people who think more of their money than of the country.

MUSIC AND MUSICIANS.

Tamagno, the tenor, has recovered from his recent serious illness and has begun his concert tour in Germany.

An expedition sent out from St. Petersburg four months ago to collect Russian popular songs in the provinces has already secured over a hundred songs, many of them of great antiquity.

Not more than a hundred copies of the full score of Mendelssohn's "Midsummer Night's Dream" music, of which the copyright expired recently, had been sold in 50 years, as conductors borrowed the score from one another.

Georg Henschel has just had a new piano made from his own designs by Broadwood. The case is of solid oak, the exact shape of a harp; it rests on six columns, connected by horizontal beams, and the pedal rods are concealed between two columns.

As Calve is bound to sing the part of Lady Macbeth, Verdi, it is said, has undertaken to revise for her his opera of "Macbeth," which was originally produced in Florence in 1847. It was greatly changed by the composer 30 years ago for its first performance in Paris, but was not successful then.

FOREIGN GOSSIP.

The first thimbles were made in Holland. They were brought to England in 1695.

A famous oak in Palestine is believed by the simple peasant folk in that country to have been planted by Cain on the day before he killed Abel.

Half a pound of dried currants, in lieu of oats, is said to be given to the khedive's horses in Egypt, and this is claimed to be the secret of the animals' great endurance.

Alcoholism is spreading in France. The consumption of absinthe, a liquor distilled of wermuth (wormwood), pepperminth, annis and one or two other ingredients, has increased seven-fold since 1880.

In the Bohmerwald, near Pilson, two gypsies fought a duel with knives for a girl in her presence. She looked on the fight with great interest, and without interfering, till one stabbed the other to the heart, when she drew a revolver and shot the victor through the head. She stayed by the bodies till arrested.

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Miss Josie Cate, of Iroquois, murdered her child by running a hatpin through its head and then taking it by the heels and beating its brains out over the footboard of the bed.

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Are you Bilious, Constipated, or troubled with Jaundice, Sick Headache, Bad Taste in Mouth, Foul Breath, Coated Tongue, Dyspepsia, Indigestion, Hot Dry Skin, Pain in Back and between the Shoulders, Chills and Fever, &c? If you have any of these symptoms, your Liver is out of order and your blood is slowly being poisoned, because your Liver does not act properly. Herbine will cure any disorder of the Liver, Stomach or Bowels. It has no equal as a Liver Medicine. Price 75 cents. Free trial bottles at J. W. Eichinger's and C. F. Shilling's.

The supervisors of Tazewell county have decided that the Spring Lake Hunting and Fishing Club are in possession of 1500 acres of land which the county can lay claim to.

If suffering with piles, it will interest you to know that De Witt's Witch Hazel Salve will cure them. This medicine is a specific for all complaints of this character, and if instructions (which are simple) are carried out, a cure will result. We have tested this in numerous cases, and always with like results. It never fails. West's drug store.

An Indian battleax weighing over ten pounds is on exhibition at Pekin. It was picked up in a field Saturday by a farmer living about three miles in the country.

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G. O. Barnes, late Democratic candidate for Congress from the Tazewell district, is seriously afflicted with cancer.

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IN A TICKLISH PLACE.

Adventure of a Deputy Marshal, Told by Himself.

Pursued by Moonshiners, He Climbs a Tall Tree Which Also Afforded Shelter to a Catamount—A Narrow Escape.

The deputy marshal, says the Washington Star, has been telling a few of his trials and tribulations in quest of the elusive moonshiner in the West Virginia mountains.

"What was the tightest place you ever got into?" inquired the writer with a thirst for the thrilling.

The marshal scratched his head for a moment.

"There have been several which it would be pretty hard to decide between," he said, "but one that happened to me about five years ago was the one that seems to suggest itself strongest just now."

"That's the one I want," commanded the writer, and the marshal obeyed.

"I had gone out one night," he proceeded, "with six men after a still we had got onto the trail of, and which we knew was run by two fellows who made some pretense of being right decent citizens, though they had reputations of being bad men under sufficient provocation. We worked along through the woods very slowly, for it was dark, and the darker it was the better the moonshiners liked it, and after a time we flushed our still, but instead of two men being there, there were a dozen, and they made it so hot for us that we had to cut and run for it. Naturally we couldn't keep together, and it wasn't long until I was by myself, and it seemed to me that the whole gang was on my trail.

"I knew what it meant for my health if they caught me, and did my level best to prevent such a result. They knew the woods, though, and I didn't, and they gained on me in a way that wasn't pleasing to my feelings. At last they were running me so close that I concluded to go up a tree, and I went up it at 40 miles an hour. I was so near them that they could hear me breaking through the thickets, as I could hear them, and when I stopped breaking through, they concluded that I had either lain down flat in the bushes or was up a tree, and they began going for the trees, aiding themselves by burning

IT WHIRLED CLEAR OVER.

pine knots. My tree was a thick one, though, and I felt that I had a fighting chance until I heard a noise above me, and looking up I saw a pair of glaring eyes that looked as big as saucers to me.

"What they belonged to I couldn't tell, but it wasn't long till I could make out the figure of a wildcat or a catamount that looked as big as a cow, with all her hair brushed the wrong way. In a minute more I expected to have a fight in the tree even worse than the fight that was waiting for me below, but I held my breath and waited for developments. As between a wildcat and a mad moonshiner there wasn't much difference, but just then I took chances on the cat, with a half-way notion that my posse might round up and come back to help me. Whatever I thought, the cat made up its mind for action and began growling and spitting just as a moonshiner passed below.

"I think he must have jumped a dozen feet into the air as the cat screeched, and the yell he let off brought the others to him. There were only three instead of 300, as I fancied while they were chasing me, and they began at once to prospect up the tree, the cat in the meantime keeping its eyes on me and getting ready to spring, I was sure. About this time one of the men below caught the shine of its eyes with his pine-knot blaze and the next instant he banged away at it. I guess it must have been luck, I don't know what else it was, but just as it rose to light on me the bullet took it somewhere in the head, and it whirled clean over me and hit the ground with a thud that was not at all sickening to me.

"Then the moonshiners forgot all about me for the moment and were glorying over the dead cat, but it was only for a moment, for the shot had given my men a pointer, and in a few minutes they were banging away at the moonshiners, who went flying through the thickets, and I came down off my perch so unnerved that I couldn't stand on my feet, and we didn't catch a moonshiner, though I captured the skin of the deserted cat as my right."

A Talking Canary Bird.

Rockland, Me., has a freak in natural history which is certainly a most marvelous phenomenon of its kind. It is a talking canary bird which sings articulate sentences so plainly that the veriest stranger can understand every single word. This wonderful bird is owned by the wife of one of Rockford's oldest business men and expert accountants, and learned to talk without any special teaching.

Did You Ever

try Electric Bitters as a remedy for your troubles? If not, get a bottle now and get relief. This medicine has been found to be peculiarly adapted to the relief and cure of all Female Complaints, exerting a wonderful direct influence in giving strength and tone to the organs. If you have Loss of Appetite, Constipation, Headache, Fainting Spells, or are Nervous, Sleepless, Excitable, Melancholy or troubled with Dizzy Spells, Electric Bitters is the medicine you need. Health and Strength are guaranteed by its use. Large bottles only fifty cents at King & Metz's Drug Store. cm

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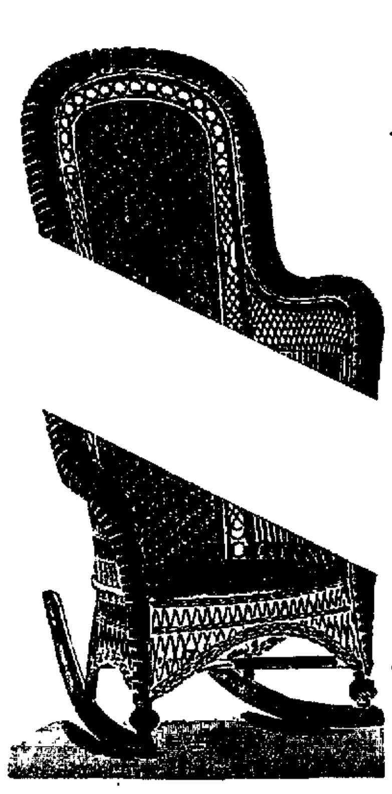

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What? Rockers? NO! the Price of Them.

Our Annual Chair Sale IS ON THIS WEEK!

THAT'S ALL; People Know What That Means.

See Those $3.00 Rockers

in our window. Oak? Yes, Solid Oak with Leather Seats and Arms held down by Iron Rods. How can we sell them so cheap? No difference, we are selling them. Have we other bargains? Plenty of them. Look at the size of our store—it is full of them. We certainly mean business. This will be the greatest slaughter sale of Furniture ever made in the city. Open until 9 o'clock.

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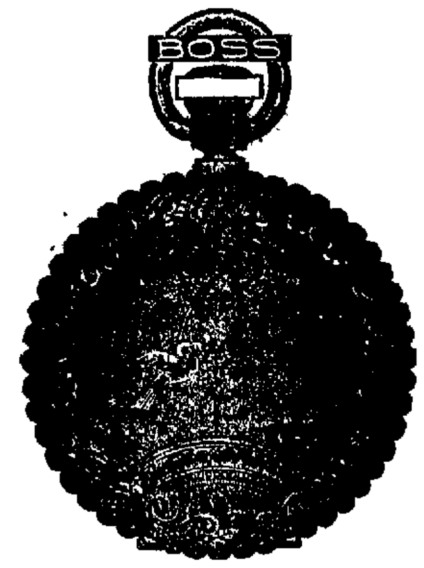

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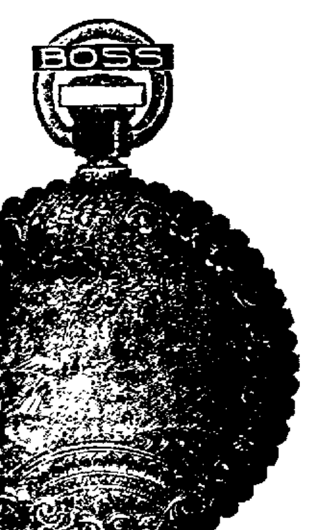

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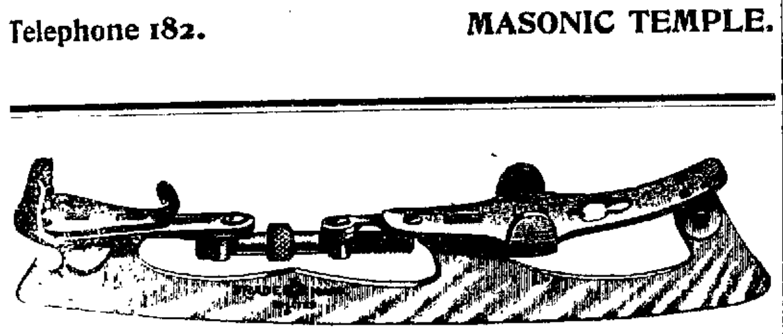

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FRIDAY, DEC. 27. 1895.

LOCAL NEWS.

SMOKE the Defender cigar. tf

Box and Bulk Candies at Whitley's

CIGARS in all sized boxes at Whitley's.

SMOKE none but the Little Rose and Bouquet cigars.

A NECESSARY dish: "FRIENDS' OATS."

ESPEY'S Cream, cut price, 15 cents at West's Drug Store.

CUBANOLA is the leading 5c cigar, try them at Irwin's Drug Store.

USE WHITE LOAF FLOUR.

USE HINKLE'S BEST FLOUR.

SMOKE the old reliable K. & W. cigars. mar25-dtf

JUST before going to bed, eat a Cascaret candy cathartic. Makes you feel fine in the morning.

THE Grand Opera House cigars, made by Keck & Weigand, are the best in town. mar25-dtf

GO TO Henry Bros. bakery for all kinds of cakes, pies, etc. dec26-dtf

MANY Decatur Masons will go to Maroa to-night to witness the exemplification of work.

"FRIENDS' OATS," a delicious breakfast dish. For sale by all grocers.

THE Mackinaw, north of Delevan, is higher than for many years past.

See those fine carving sets at C. L. Griswold & Co's.

USE WHITE LOAF FLOUR

THERE will be a dance at Sedgewick's hall, Saturday, December 28. Music by the East End string orchestra.

GO TO Irwin's Drug Store for fine grade perfumes at bottom prices.

SHOULDER BRACES, atomizers, medicated soaps and hair tonic at Irwin's drug store.

WHAT'S the matter with you? Constipated? Cascarets will cure. Eat them like candy.

THE new Haines piano for the new opera house is in the window at the C. B. Prescott music house. Step in and take a look at it. Learn low prices and easy terms.

USE HINKLE'S BEST FLOUR.

GIVE the little children Irwin's Baby cough syrup. Pleasant and effective.

USE HINKLE'S BEST FLOUR

THERE will be a grand ball at Guards' Old Armory New Year's eve. Dance the old year out and the new year in. Music by the Opera House orchestra. Given by Michael Ryan and John Wood.

THE Buyers' and Merchants' Benefit Bureau saves you 4 per cent on your entire living expenses. Call upon the manager L. Chodat and learn how.

ON the first of January next, the magazine *Romance*, which has heretofore been devoted to fiction entirely, will undergo a complete change, and will be issued as a five cent magazine, filled with illustrations of a popular kind. The magazine will be a considerable novelty, the idea being to emphasize the illustrated side of it rather than the text. There will be 48 pages containing not less than 60 illustrations, printed from the best of plates on the best of paper. There will be pictures of noted painters, of people of the day, of actors and actresses, of literary individuals at home. Scientific matters will be treated of, and amateur photography will be given a generous space. Altogether the design has met with a cordial reception wherever spoken of, and readers will be sure to profit by purchasing the early numbers, which will form a perfect little picture book of genuine, contemporary interest.

Ladies' Stylish Jackets,

Ripple back, English box front, best quality beaver, Fine Kersey, Best Scotch wool cheviot and Boucle cloth, Lined throughout, worth $20, $22.50 and $25. All reduced to $15 each.

Elegant Styles Cloth Jackets.

Very best cloths, unlined, worth $15, $16.50 and $18.50, for $10 each.

Choice Velour Capes

Worth $30, $35 and $40, for $25 each.

Stylish Cloth Capes.

Single and two piece Capes reduced from $15 and $16 to $10 each.

Misses' Jackets,

All wool cloth, were $7.50, $8 and $9, reduced to $5.95 each.

Shawls.

Large size Shetland Wool Fascinators, all colors, 25c.

Large size Shetland Wool Shawls, all colors, 35c.

Ice Wool Shawls, black and white, each, 50c.

Large size heavy Beaver Shawls, each, $2.50.

Bradley Bros

Decatur, Ill.

BURNED TO THE GROUND.

The Suburban Residence of Edwin A. Ewing in Ruins.

This morning Mrs. Edwin Ewing was awakened by the smell of smoke and she was compelled to flee for her life All the avenues of escape were cut off at that time and she was compelled to climb down from the top of the front porch. An alarm was sent in to the fire department and the chemical wagon responded. They made a quick run out Edward to King street, but here the heavy mud impeded their progress and before they could reach the house it was then past saving, and a few minutes later was a complete ruin. Everything in the residence was destroyed, including a handsome new $400 Upright piano. All of Mrs. Ewing's clothing was also consumed. Mrs. Ewing was alone in the house and does not know how the fire started, although from the way it burned it must have started on the west side. Mr. Ewing is in Mexico on business and Mrs. Ewing has been staying with the family of A. L. Hill at night. Last evening she entertained some company and then remained at home for the night. The residence was insured for $500 and $600 was carried on the contents. This will not near cover the loss.

It has only been a few weeks since their handsome new residence which was in course of construction just 200 feet east of the house burned last night was completely destroyed by fire.

THE ELDERSHIP.

To Meet in September at Mt. Carroll—Assignments.

The board of missions and standing committees of the Illinois Eldership of the Church of God finished their business last night at the home of Rev. J. Bernard, the local pastor. The most important business was the appointments given some of the ministers in the state. Rev. O. B. Huston, of Warrensburg, had Bearsdale added to his charge; Rev. W. R. Johnson, of Findlay, was given the church at Mt. Pleasant; Rev. R. C. Mackey was appointed to Mazon, Ill., in addition to his charge at Streator; Prof. E. A. Fritter, of Monticello, was appointed general evangelistic worker for the state. The new ministers, F. Kelly of Hazeldell, and C. E. Conrad of Martinsville, were granted license, making them regular ministers in the church.

The Illinois churches have pledged $1100 to the Findlay college, and the matter of arranging for the money was completed last night. Prof. Fritter, of Monticello, was appointed trustee of Findlay college to represent the Illinois Eldership. It was decided to hold the next meeting of the Eldership at Mt. Carroll, Ill., September 23, 1896.

MASONIC WORK AT MAROA.

Four Teams to Put Through Four Candidates.—Banquet.

This is a red-letter day in Masonic circles at Maroa, where four candidates are to be given the third degree. Teams from Decatur, Mt. Pulaski, Clinton and Maroa will do the work, and then will follow a banquet which will be an important feature of the convocation. Masonic brethren in goodly numbers from various cities and towns will be present to witness the ceremonies and enjoy the hospitality of the Maroa people.

New Officers.

Decatur Forum No. 70 elected officers Thursday night as follows:

President—I. D. Sine.
First Vice President—Jennie Hawes.
Second Vice President—Robert Welch.
Secretary—Etta Andrews.
Treasurer—Dr. A. L. Collins.
Historian—Mary M. Seigler.
Orator—Priscilla Jacobs.
Assistant Orator—Elizabeth Stine.
Porter—W. C. Jones.
Guard—Elijah H. Wright.
Medical Examiners—Drs. A. L. and Naomi Pierce-Collins.
Director for Two Years—C. J. Bryan.
Director for Three Years—Clara E. Bloomquist.

Quick Separation.

December 16, at Jacksonville, James C. Colgrove, son of wealthy parents at Taylorville, became the husband of Mary Jane Dey, a woman of easy virtue. At Taylorville, on Dec. 26, James got a divorce from his wife on the ground of adultery, and now the young man will try to make amends for all the worry and trouble he has caused his family and friends. He became infatuated with Mary Jane and she gained her object by dragging Jimmy to the altar. Then she began a flagrant violation of her marriage vows.

Miss Downey to Assist.

Miss Anna Downey, state evangelist, will assist the members of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union in their evangelistic services at the Grace M. E. church Dec. 31 to Jan. 3. It is requested that the members make these meetings subject of special prayer during the noontide hour of prayer during the coming week. A special meeting will be held at 3:30 p. m. Sunday, in charge of Mrs. Beadles. Special services will be held at the rooms every afternoon this week at 3 o'clock.

Encampment Election.

Decatur encampment, No. 37, I. O. O. F., elected officers last night as follows:

Chief Patriarch—C. M. Borchers.
Senior Warden—J. H. Gregor.
High Priest—Will H. Peters.
Junior Warden—H. J. Votaw.
Recording Scribe—A. W. Hendricks.
Financial Scribe—W. H. Davis.
Treasurer—F. P. Roddy.
Trustees—C. M. Lytle, J. L. Drake, George F. Bell, Elmer Delong and W. R. Schroeder.

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EVANGELISTIC WORK.

Conference of the W. C. T. U. People at Grace M. E. Church.

The following is the program for the Woman's Christian Temperance Union evangelistic conference to be held Dec. 31 to January 3, at Grace M. E. church:

TUESDAY EVENING, DEC. 31.

7:30—Song Service . . . . by Young People's Societies of the City
Devotional Exercises . . . . Led by Mrs. Cruzan, President
8:00—Sermon . . . . by Miss Downey
Collection—Doxology.
Closing Prayer.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON—JAN. 1.

2:00—Consecration Meeting, led by Miss Downey
2:30—"Gospel Temperance Meetings," . . . . Opened by Miss Downey
Assisted by Ten Minute Talks by the Pastors of the City . . . . { Where How When.

WEDNESDAY EVENING.

7:30—Song and Praise Service..by Young People
Devotional Exercises . . . . by Miss Carrie Powers
8:00—Sermon . . . . by Miss Downey
Collection—Song—Prayer.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON—JAN. 2.

2:00—Devotional Exercises . . . . led by Mrs. Crary
2:30—"The W. C. T. U. and the Home" . . . . Led by Miss Downey
Five Minute Talks by the Members of the Home Union . . . .

THURSDAY EVENING.

7:30—Song Service . . . . by Young People.
Scripture Reading . . . . by Mrs. Flle
8:00—Sermon . . . . by Miss Downey
Collection—Closing Prayer.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON—JAN. 3.

2:00—Devotional Exercises . . . . led by Mrs. Julia Howe
2:30—"Child Evangelism". . led by Miss Downey
Ten Minute Talks by City Pastors.

FRIDAY EVENING.

7:30—Song Service . . . . by Young People
Devotional Exercises . . . . led by Mrs. Baker
8:00—Sermon . . . . by Miss Downey
Collection.
Song, God be with You till We Meet Again.
Closing Prayer.

Miss Anna Downey, state superintendent, will be present. The local officers are: Mrs. L. Cuzan, president; Miss Litsenberger, recording secretary; Mrs. C. R. Holt, financial secretary; Mrs. L. M. Brown, treasurer.

Everybody is invited to attend the sessions.

CHANGES OF LOCATION.

Offices of Justice Hardy and Constable Midkiff to be at 147 South Water Street—Notes.

The store room at 147 South Water street, in the Whitmer Block, is to be converted at once into an office department. It will be occupied by George P. Hardy, justice of the peace, Harry K. Midkiff, constable, Elijah Walker, land agent, and H. M. Whitmer, steam heating plant office.

The room will be ready for occupancy about January 1st. Justice Hardy and Constable Midkiff will then have their offices on the ground floor near the business center and adjacent to the court house.

There is a probability that the store room on Water street to be vacated soon by Walter Hutchin, will be occupied jointly by Denz & Son, merchant tailors, and by L. Chodat, the newsdealer. The deal for this combination has not been definitely settled, but it is probable that it will go through. Denz & Son have a five year lease on the entire building. It is one of the best business locations in the city.

MT. PULASKI WATER WAR.

City and Private Concern at Loggerheads.

Mt. Pulaski is in a water war. The electric light plant owned by C. H. Snyder, which has for years been pumping water for the Illinois Central and P. D. & E. railroads, some time ago started to deepen its wells, which are near the wells of the city water works pumping station. The mayor directed Chief Hopkins of the fire department, to send Phoenix Hose company No. 1, to the pumping station to remain on duty all night, and be ready to treat any infringement with a shower bath. The police and fire department took out the tools and began filling up the wells of the plant. Both sides are now taking legal steps.

Married 58 Years.

Mr. and Mrs. James Sieberling were united in marriage on Christmas day, fifty-eight years ago; and so the children and grandchildren arranged a surprise for the aged couple yesterday. The event was a most happy one and had been well planned, Mr. and Mrs. Sieberling having suspicioned nothing. Those present were O. N. Sieberling, West Plains, Mo.; Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Sieberling and Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Wise, of Decatur; Mr. and Mrs. O. R. App, Mr. and Mrs. H. Hurst, Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Stuver, Mr. and Mrs. L. Ferry, Mrs. L. F. Abrams, Miss Dot App, Inez Stuver, Wm. App, Earl Sieberling, P. M. Sieberling and four great grandchildren.—*Blue Mound Leader.*

Entertained His Friends.

Earle Braden entertained a party of his young friends yesterday at his farm home near Beardsale. The young folks went out in wagons and returned last night after supper. Those in the party were Misses Pauline Johnson, Maude Evans, Edith Cann, Sarah Imboden, Ada McGee, Mabel Shimer and Etta Bear, and Will Coonradt, Charles Imboden, Fred Cassell, Wayne Williams and Earle Braden. Will Coonradt was custodian of the party.

New Office.

The Decatur Gas Co. have moved their business office into the north room of the Pasfield block. For some time past they have had their office in the building of the Farmers' bank. The Saving Fund Building association will also have their quarters in the new building. The company has one of the handsomest offices in the city.

GO TO the Spencer & Lehman company for wood pumps, iron pumps, force pumps and pump repairs. feb6-d&wtf

IN MEMORIAM.

Resolutions on the Death of the Late Charles C. Stoddard.

At the regular meeting of Cœur de Leon Lodge No. 17, Knights of Pythias, held last night, the following expression of condolence was read, adopted, ordered published and spread upon the lodge record, and copies furnished the relatives of the deceased:

IN MEMORIAM.

The members of Cœur de Leon Lodge No. 17, Knights of Pythias, learn with sorrow and regret of the death of their friend and brother, the late Charles C. Stoddard, Past Chancellor Commander, who passed away in his early manhood at Ramsey, Ill., on the morning of Saturday, Dec. 16, 1895.

The untimely death of our brother admonishes us that the scythe of time is every busy and that no one knoweth who will be called upon next to journey over the dark river to be known no more in this life.

The death of Charles C. Stoddard removes from our fraternal organization one who in health was one of its most active and worthy members; a brother of genial nature, kindly and sunny disposition, who in the lodge counsels and in social gatherings was ever a valued and welcome figure. He was a true Knight, and in his relations to the order and in his daily life outside the hall, he was a faithful and exemplary exponent of noble Pythian teachings.

We extend to the widow and son of our departed brother, and to his parents and brother, our deepest, sincerest sympathy.

J. J. H. YOUNG,
A. T. GRIST,
F. O. DAMROW.

Decatur, Ill., Dec. 26, 1895.

MARRIED IN MICHIGAN.

John C. Mosher and Miss Seydewitz of Muskegon.

Last night at 8 o'clock at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Agnes Seydewitz, at No. 58 Monroe avenue, Muskegon, Mich., Mr. John C. Mosher, foreman of the wood carving department at the Decatur Furniture factory, and Miss Olga Blanca Seydewitz were united in marriage in the presence of a large number of friends. The couple will arrive in Decatur about January 1st and will reside temporarily at 687 West North street. The bride is an accomplished lady who has been a book keeper and stenographer in the general office of the Chase Bros.' Manufacturing establishment at Muskegon. The groom has many friends in Decatur who will extend congratulations on his arrival. He is one of the newly elected officers in Cœur de Leon Lodge, No. 17, Knights of Pythias.

MARRIED.

By Justice Provost at his office Dec. 26, Lowra Simpson and Miss Viola Gardner, both of Macon.

By Justice Peddecord at his office December 26, Dwight Gilson and Miss Josie McBride, both of Blue Mound.

At the home of the officiating minister, Dec. 24, by Rev. W. X. Miller, John C. Gannon and Miss Rosa G. Young.

The couple will reside at 961 North Water street.

At the home of the bride's parents on West Green street by Rev. Geo. F. Hall, Dec. 24, W. A. Shoemaker of Maroa, and Miss Romina Bennett, of Decatur.

At the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hirsch, east of Decatur, by Rev. Geo. F. Hall, Dec. 26, Fred Spooner, of Oreana, and Miss Lottie Hirsch.

A large number of friends witnessed the marriage and partook of the elegant feast.

At the St. Johannes German Lutheran church, Dec. 26, by Rev. Mr. Metzger, Henry Goodman and Miss Augusta Maleska.

The church was crowded by relatives and friends. The bridesmaids were Miss Henrietta Nagushelfski and Miss Augusta Cabotine, and Messrs. Gus Maleska and Gus Witte were the groomsmen. The wedding march was played on the organ by William Langsfeld. The bride wore a gown of white silk with a bridal veil and carried roses. The bridesmaids were also attired in white. After the ceremony at the church a reception was given at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. August Maleska, No. 1048 North Calhoun street. Mr. and Mrs. Goodman will make their home on North Clinton street. The groom is a clerk in the Linn & Scruggs store.

Beardsale.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Batt, of Decatur, spent Christmas with H. Pharis and family.

Mrs. Amanda Goldsmith, of Ramsey, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. A. Weltner.

Miss Lizzie Cowgill spent Saturday and Sunday and Sunday with friends in Decatur.

The attendance at the Christmas tree at Boiling Springs was not very large on account of the inclemency of the weather.

Miss Etta Bear, who is attending school at Bloomington, is visiting her relatives, Mr. and Mrs. J. Bear and Mr. and Mrs. J. Braden, of this place.

Mr. Valentine Cravens spent Christmas with friends in Warrensburg.

Miss Mattie Conover spent Saturday evening with the Pharis family.

The Christmas exercises at the hall Tuesday evening under the direction of the the Woodmen was not very well attended, only two or three families being present.

NO BETTER soft coal in this market than Lincoln or Mt. Olive. Buy it of M. F. Metz. Personally he can be found at the yard office, 800 North Broadway For Broadway office, Old Phone, 483; New Phone, 435. Also leave orders with T. W. Cann, 628 North Main, or with Harry Metz, at King & Metz' drug store. Hard coal, all sizes, always in stock at market prices. Nov. 11-dtf

WIFE—Here's an account of a man who shot himself rather than suffer the pangs of indigestion. Husband—The fool! Why didn't he take De Witt's Little Early Risers? I used to suffer as bad as he did before I commenced taking these little pills. West's drug store.

AT Hoopeston, the $2,000 residence of Geo. V. Yates together with all its contents was burned to the ground. Insurance on house and goods, $1,300.

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SLIPPERS.

Whatever kind you want. They're cheap, too. That's the way we make Christmas presents.

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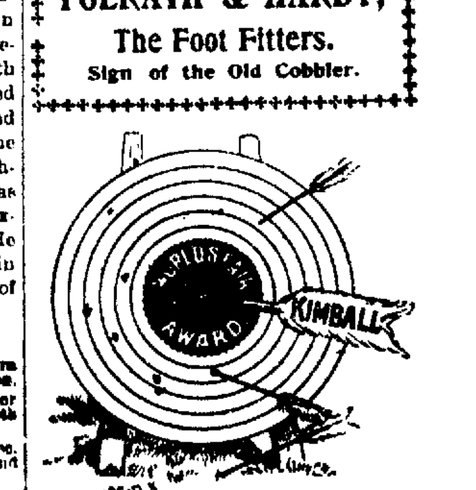
The Foot Fitters.

Sign of the Old Cobbler.



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Were Men of Great Renown.

We read of the marvelous exploits of Robin Hood and his merry men, and the fierce battles of old in which the English yeomen with their cloth yard shafts carried terror, dismay and defeat into the ranks of their enemy like romance in the pages of history.

There is No Romance

but plain prose in the illustration. The arrow winged by the Kimball Piano has struck the center in the largest of public opinion While envious competitors have failed to score.

If you are interested you can learn more of this famous contest by calling on

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Kimball Pianos and Organs.

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Gold Belts, the latest fads, 50 and 75c.

Handsome Novelty Dress Goods at 75c, worth $1.25.

Beautiful High-class Millinery at 50c on the dollar.

Good Standard Prints, new styles, 3½c.

Small L[ot] of New Fur Capes right from the Factory.

The $45.00	kind	at	$35.00
" 37.50	"	at	28.00
" 32.50	"	at	25.00
" 25.00	"	at	19.00
" 20.00	"	at	15.00

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FRIDAY, DEC. 27, 1895.

THE KENTUCKY SENATORSHIP.

Gathering of the Candidates and Their Lieutenants at Lexington.

FRANKFORT, Ky., Dec. 27.—The several candidates for senator on both the democratic and republican tickets are expected here to-day. All the candidates have selected their headquarters and will have lieutenants at the various hotels and boarding houses where the members expect to stop. It is believed the republican nomination is about an equal chance between Hunter, Holt and Wilson, and is by no means settled.

A BOY'S UNHEEDED THREAT

Verified by Finding His Dead Body in a Neighboring Creek.

HENDERSON, Ky., Dec. 26.—Tuesday morning, near Pool's Mills, James Tarlton, 16 years old, left home because of fancied mistreatment from his aunt and said he intended to kill himself. No attention was paid to his threats, which he had often made before, but when he failed to return at night a search was instituted. Yesterday morning his body was found in a neighboring creek and the supposition is that he drowned himself.

"PRAY FOR PEACE."

"Let Us Help the Armenians and Not Harm Our Own Kin."

ASHEVILLE, N. C., Dec. 27.—Miss Frances E. Willard, president of the World's W. C. T. U., is spending holiday week here. A cable from Lady Henry Somerset, dated London, has been received as follows:

"Christmas greetings. Pray for peace."

Miss Willard sent this reply: "White Ribbons the world over are praying for peace. Let us help the Armenians and not harm our own kin."

Democratic Caucus to Make Minority Committee Assignments.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—Senator Gorman has issued a call for a caucus of the democratic members of the senate, to be held this morning at 11 o'clock for the purpose of acting upon the report of the committee charged with the duty of filling the vacancies on the committees and making the minority assignments. All the assignments to the important committees have been given in previous United Press dispatches.

The republicans have acquiesced in an understanding that re-organization shall not be operative until January 1, inasmuch as all employes have been paid for the present month and endless confusion would result from an immediate transfer.

The Fall of Zeitoun Reported.

LONDON, Dec. 27.—The correspondent in Constantinople of the United Press telegraphs under the date of yesterday that it is reported there that Zeitoun, which was in the possession of Armenians, has fallen before the attacks of the Turkish troops, and that many of those who were holding the place against the forces of the sultan have fled to the hills.

ONE Minute Cough Cure is rightly named. It affords instant relief from suffering when afflicted with a severe cough or cold. It acts on the throat, bronchial tubes and lungs and never fails to give immediate relief. West's drug store.

MIKE HORN, a farmer living near the Mackinaw, has so far lost nine horses and several head of cattle by the flood.

Ballard's Snow Liniment.

If you have a terrible pain in the small of the back, get a bottle of Snow Liniment. It will positively cure it and at once. Try it and recommend it to your friends. Sold by J. W. Eichinger and C. F. Shilling.

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FARMER CITY has a new band under the leadership of E. Mitchell.

Presents For Christmas.

Muffs at $1, $1.50, $2, $2.50.
Gent's Mufflers at 75c, $1, $1.50.
Ladies' Fascinators at 50c, 75c, $1.
Handkerchiefs at 5, 10, 12½, 15, 25c.
Pocket Books 25, 50, 75c, $1.
Napkins at 50, 75c, $1, $1.50.
Umbrellas at $1, $1.50, $2, $2.50.
Mackintoshes at $3.50, $4.50, $5.
Ladies' Cloaks at $5, $7.50, $10, $15.
Ladies' Capes at $5, $7.50, $10, $15.
Fur Capes at $5, $7.50, $10, $15.
Children's Coats at $2.50, $3, $3.50, $4.50, $5.

COME TO OUR STORE AND BUY SOME USEFUL PRESENT.

CHAS. T. JOHNSTON,
151 N. WATER ST.

PERSONAL MENTION.

W. C. Devore, of Daville, is in the city to-day.

Mayor Magill of Clinton was in the city last night.

Harry Hord of Chicago is in the city visiting relatives.

Mrs. Ben Barnes has returned from a visit to Taylorville.

Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Stoddard returned from Ramsey last night.

Mrs. Ed. F. Pennell, of Chicago, is in the city visiting relatives.

John A. Reeve went to Chicago yesterday on a business trip.

Supervisor Weilipp, of Maroa, had business in Decatur to-day.

Marshal Mason will leave to-night for Evansville, Ind., on business.

Al England and James Leman of Monticello were in the city to-day.

Miss Julia Criswell of Normal, is in city visiting the Misses Sherrick.

Mrs. James L. Bevans, who has been ill for the past week, is improving.

Hugh Coleman went to Champaign yesterday to visit friends for a week.

Mrs. J. E. Hanks, of Paris, is in the city visiting Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Hanke.

Mrs. Ira Claypool, of Marshall, Ill., is in the city visiting Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Hanks.

Miss Katie Pegram, of Lincoln, will arrive in the city to-morrow to visit friends.

Mrs. F. M. Watkins has gone to Stuart, Montana, where she will visit friends.

Mr. and Mr. Charles F. Traver and wife left for Harrisburg, Pa., yesterday afternoon.

Postmaster Shipley and S. A. Friedman, of Maroa, were in the city to day on business.

Dr. Frank Martin has returned to his home in Ashland after a visit with Decatur relatives.

Harry Macmasters and wife, of Newark, O., are guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Badenhausen.

A. J. Shrader of St. Louis, is visiting his mother, Mrs. Mary Shrader, 419 East William street.

Mrs. S. F. Williams left to-day for her home in Casey, Ill., after a visit with Decatur relatives.

Mrs. W. W. Tobey, after a visit with relatives in this city, left to-day for her home in Danville.

Mrs. J. E. Hanks, of Paris, and Mrs. Isaac Claypool, of Marshall, are guests of Decatur friends.

Will Quinlan returned to Chicago last night after a visit with his father, W. J. Quinlan, and family.

Miss Myrtle Bridges, of Bement, is visiting her sister, Mrs. E. C. Wood, on West Decatur street.

Dr. and Mrs. J. D. Moore, who have been visiting relatives at Clinton, arrived home yesterday.

Mrs. A. Culp, who has been seriously ill at her home on West Main street, was much better yesterday.

Mel Musser left last night for Battle Creek, Mich., where he will enter a sanitarium for treatment.

Fred Young, ex-Wabash engineer, left last night for Georgia, to become a member of the soldiers' colony.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Corconkey, of Bement, are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Logan on East Condit street.

Mrs. E. W. Hight, of Assumption, and Miss Nora Hight of Macon, are the guests of J. H. Culver and family.

Miss Nita Bullard will entertain a company of friends Saturday evening at her home on West William street.

David L. Hughes is confined to his home on East North street by illness. He has not been out for over a week.

John F. Duncan is the name of the Boston cutter in the service of C. W. Utley, the opera block merchant tailor.

Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Slagle and Miss Slagle of Chicago are in the city the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charles T. Haigh for a few days.

Miss Nellie Veale, who has been in the city visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Veale, returned last night to her home in Chicago.

Frank and Ab Hodgins were called to Detroit a week ago by what was regarded as the fatal illness of their mother, write home that she has now practically recovered from the effects of that illness.

R. V. Cumming, of Farmer City, father of Mrs. Arthur Smith, of this city, has gone to Indianapolis for special medical treatment for an ailment from which he has been suffering for some months.

Miss Marguerite Pratt and Miss Edith Harsha of Chicago, arrived in the city last evening. The latter will visit her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Bishop and the former will be the guest of her friend, Miss Edith Carter, while in the city.

Prof. H. M. Owen of the Decatur Business College, left last evening for Chicago where he will attend the Western Penman's convention, as the representative from this city. This is the first time that the convention has been held in this state and the several colleges of G. W. Brown will take advantage of the opportunity and have representatives at the meeting.

LINES OF WISDOM.

Who can refute a sneer? It is independent of proof, reason, argument or sense, and may as well be used against facts and truth as against falsehood.—C. Simmons.

In the light of eternity we shall see that what we desire would have been fatal to us, and that what we would have avoided was essential to our well-being.—Fenelon.

Were any man to keep the minutes of his feeling from youth to age, what a table of variations would they present—how numerous, how diverse, how strange!—Hare.

Not armies, not nations, have advanced the race; but here and there, in the course of ages, an individual has stood up and cast his shadow over the world.—E. H. Chapin.

The true past departs not; no truth or goodness realized by man ever dies, or can die; but all is still here, and, recognized or not, lives and works through endless changes.—Carlyle.

NO EXCUSE for sleepless nights when you can procure One Minute Cough Cure. This will relieve all annoyances, cure the most severe cough and give you rest and health. Can you afford to do without it? West's drugstore.

HOCKEY THE COMING GAME.

Will Take the Place of Football and Golf This Winter.

How It Is Played and Where—Society and College Clubs Take Up This Once Humble Sport — Two New Ice Rinks.

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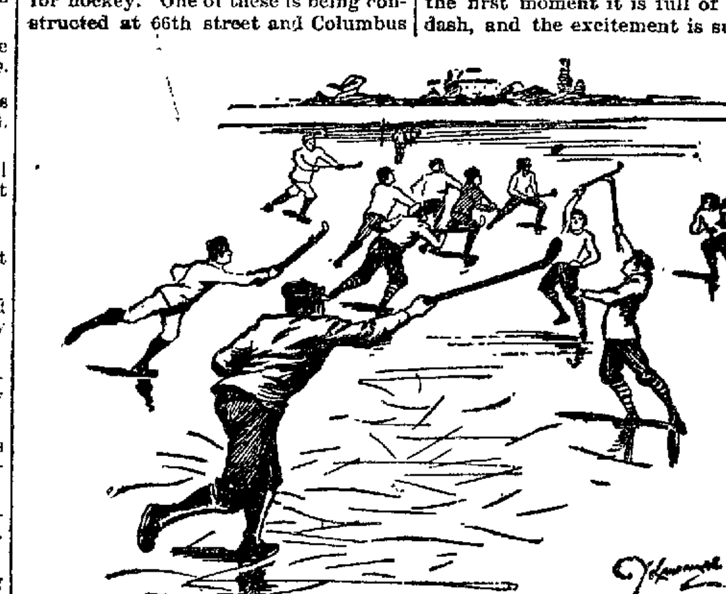
Hockey will boom this winter. The golfers and football players who find themselves cut off from their favorite sports by the rough weather will have an opportunity to combine the elements of both in this increasingly popular game. For hockey, once looked upon as a mere school-boy's game, and commonly called "shinney on the ice," is to be dignified by the approval of New York's fashionable set. It will also be one of the popular college games this season.

In the past, hockey players have been too dependent upon the vagaries of Jack Frost for their favorite sport; but now, in several northern as well as southern cities, rinks are being built for all kinds of skating, and especially for hockey. One of these is being constructed at 66th street and Columbus

The object of the game is, of course, to drive the puck through the goal, which consists of two wooden posts about six feet high, planted from four to six feet apart at a distance of five feet from each end of the field. The players drive the puck with "bandies," as the hockey sticks are called—long, slender clubs of ash, carved at the bottom into a flat blade much like a golf stick; indeed, it would seem that golf players might find some of their favorite sticks of the summer campaign useful for winter hockey. Ash is the favorite material, but any light, tough wood such as hickory, spruce of hard pine will serve. The regulation blade must not exceed 13 inches in length, nor more than three inches in width, but no limit is set to the length of the handle, which is usually about 45 inches.

When the teams have taken their positions, the referee places the puck between the blades of the foremost player of each side. Then the signal to play is given, the "rushers" from each side bear down upon the puck, and the struggle to drive it through the enemy's goal begins. The game lasts for one hour in 30 minute halves. From the first moment it is full of life and dash, and the excitement is sustained



PREVENTING A GOAL AND REVERSING THE SITUATION.

avenue, New York. It is to be 80 feet wide by 180 feet long, and it will be covered with ice generated by a huge freezing apparatus in the upper part of the building.

In Baltimore a similar rink of somewhat smaller dimensions is in active operation, and the society ladies of that city take regular morning lessons in the to them novel art of flying on wings of steel—for all who have ever worn them agree that skates, on good ice, give the nearest attainable approach to the delights of flying.

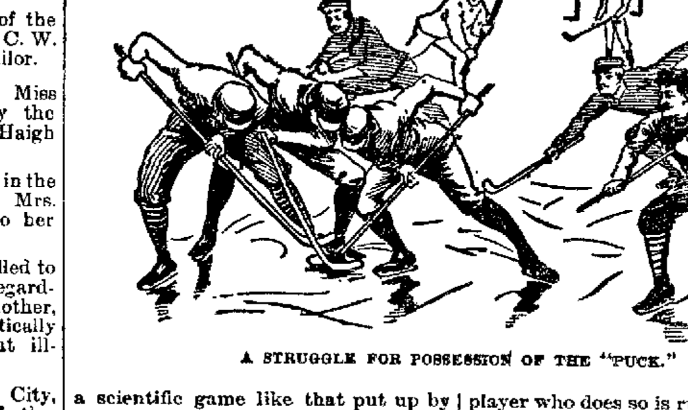
It is the enthusiasm of the hockey clubs that has caused this recent boom in the skating rink enterprise; and it is likely also that the encouragement afforded by a sheet of ice ready for players at all times and in all weather will have a strong reaction upon lovers of the sport. In New York hockey clubs are being formed in the Seventh Regiment Athletic club, the New York Athletic club and the Crescent club of Columbia college. Harvard, Yale, Cornell, Brown and Princeton universities are also organizing teams.

The interest in the game among the colleges may be traced back to last winter, when a team made up of members from Brown, Yale, Columbia and Harvard went to Canada and played against teams in Montreal, Ottawa and Toronto. The men came back thoroughly impressed with the importance of playing

to the end. There are almost the same opportunities as in football for scientific passing, dodging, etc., and a system of signals for the captains will in all probability be devised. Good skating is at a premium, and the man who is to take the puck down the field for any great distance must know everything worth knowing about the art of manipulating the feet on runners.

Besides being a good skater, a successful player must be quick as lightning both in his wits and his movements. The puck must never be carried, but is pushed or slid along the ice with the hockey stick until near the opposite goal. At this point a skillful player will give his bandy a twist and send the puck flying towards the goal posts about two feet above the ground.

Here is where the goal keeper's science comes in. He may stop the ball in any way he pleases, but he must not strike or return it with anything but his bandy. A good goal keeper will often lift the puck on his blade and send it flying over the heads of the players to the other end of the field. This reverses the situation instantly, and a grand race ensues between the "rushers" of both teams towards the imperiled goal. The same rules which govern the Rugby football game apply to the position of players in hockey when the puck is "in play"—no man must touch the puck except when behind it. Any



A STRUGGLE FOR POSSESSION OF THE "PUCK."

a scientific game like that put up by the Canadians. As a result the St. Nicholas Skating club has appointed a committee to revise, and if possible to improve, the rules of the game as it is played in Canada. These rules will probably govern the games arranged for this winter. The Canadian game, with its necessary appurtenances, is as follows:

The ball used is a rubber disc, called a "puck," three inches in diameter and one inch thick, and is treated like the ball or block in ordinary shinny. There are no fixed rules regarding the siz of the ice field upon which the game is played, the usual dimensions being about 80 to 160 feet. The new rink, being 80 by 180 feet, will therefore afford ample room for the largest number of players admissible in any game. Seven on a side is the correct number, but the game can be played with anywhere from five to fifteen on a side.

The teams line up somewhat as in football, each in front of its goal, and the goal-keeper stands just within the goal. When seven men are played on a side, a man stands about 20 feet in front of the goal-keeper. His position is termed "point;" another man, still nearer the center, stands at "cover point," while four players stationed in the center constitute the "forwards," or "rushers." While there are more than seven on a side, the number of players is increased at every position except that of the goal-keeper, who must guard this important place single-handed. The captain of the team stands among the "rushers."

player who does so is ruled off-side, and a penalty is imposed by the referee upon the side to which he belongs. The field in a rink is inclosed on all sides, and the rebounding of the puck from the wooden sides gives an opportunity for carom plays which greatly add to the complications of the game. Hockey is not so rough a sport as football, though hard knocks and falls are plentiful enough. No player must lay hands on another, but collisions and body checking are allowed. Failure to observe the rules is punished by ruling the offender off the ice, and compelling his side to play without him or put a substitute in his place.

The costume worn is similar to that used by football players, but it is usually lighter weight. Clothes are not so roughly handled as in football, so that thin jerseys and trunks and the lightest of shoes are all that is necessary. Padding is not customary in Canada, but shin guards are sometimes used by the goal-keeper, since he is the target for the final rush of the hard rubber puck as it is sent flying towards goal.

There is a great opportunity for good generalship on the part of the captain in hockey, though the element of chance enters into the game more largely than in football. No man, however practical, is quite as sure of himself on skates as on his feet, and an ignominious fall may spoil the best laid scheme. On the other hand, since a man can skate faster than he can run, the game changes with lightning rapidity from one end of the field to the other.

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$25,000 Worth

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For the Next Five Days we will offer our Fancy Goods and Toys Away Below Cost.

Table No. 1.

You will find 37 dozen of Fancy Goods and ornaments, some sold as high as 50c. Your choice 5c each.

Table No. 2.

18 dozen Picture Frames and ornaments at 3c each.

Table No. 3.

375 Holiday Books, good collection. You can buy them at just one-half the price they are marked. Some will be sold at 3c each.

Table No. 4.

87 games, all this year's make. You can buy them at one-half price, some as low as 9c.

175 Kid Body Dolls at 13, 19, 25 and 39c.

Cloak Room.

43 ladies' heavy Winter Cloaks, odd sizes and styles, sold as high as $8.00, your choice at 1.98.

25 ladies' Ready Made Dresses, $3.50 suit.

15 ladies' Ready Made Dresses, $4.98 suit.

100 children's Ready Made Dresses less than half price.

125 Ladies' Jackets, fine quality, reduced to $7.98, 9.98 and 12.00.

200 Children's Coats at one-half price.

87 Beaver Shawls worth $9.00, reduced to 4.98.

92 Flannelette Wrappers worth $3.75, reduced to $1.49.

125 Muffs and Boas at $1.75 set.

25 Fur Capes, 30 inches long, wool seal, baltic seal and astrachan, formerly sold at $35.00, 40.00, 45.00 and 50.00, reduced to $25.

1000 pairs Lace Curtains, 60 inches wide, 3½ yards long, reduced to 1.25 pair.

47 pairs Chenille Portiers, reduced to 1.98 pair.

37 Rope Portiers, 1.49, 1.75 and 1.98 each.

3500 yards Silk at 25c yd.

On the Dry Goods Counters

2700 yards Silk Ribbon at 2c yd.

4000 yards all Dress Braids and Trimmings. Braids at 1c yd.

300 dozen Buttons at 2c dozen.

7 dozen infants' all-wool Leggings, 5c pr.

3 dozen infants' all-wool Pants Leggings in black red and white, formerly sold $1.25 and 1.50, at 49c pr.

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175 Men's Suspenders at 10c pr.

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175 Men's outing flannel Night Shirts at 69c.

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3000 yards Outing Flannel at 5c yd.

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1500 yards all linen Crash, 5c yd.

1200 pairs Ladies' Kid Gloves, black and colored, worth $1.00 and 1.25, reduced to 49c pr. Limit, two pairs to each customer.

4 dozen ladies' outing flannel Dressing Sacques at 25c.

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Dated this 27th day of December, 1895.

WILLIAM C. BURLEY,
DANIEL J. BURLEY,
Executors.

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R. R. TIME TABLES.

Wabash Line.

FROM ST. LOUIS.	TO ST. LOUIS.
No. 10 Pass†.. 8.45 p m	No. 9 Pass†.. 6:56 a m
" 4 Pass*.. 11:57 a m	" 3 Pass*..3:45 a m
" 44 Pass*..11:25 a m	" 43 Pass*.. 4:05 a m
" 42 Pass*..10:13 p m	" 45 Pass*.. 4:15 p m
" 2 Pass*.. 12:40 a m	" 5 Pass*.. 4:10 p m
FROM QUINCY AND KANSAS CITY.	TO QUINCY AND KANSAS CITY.
No. 42 Pass*..10:05 p m	No. 43 Pass*.. 4:30 a m
" 44 Pass†..11:05 a m	" 45 Pass†.. 4:10 p m
" 6 Pass*.. 6:05 a m	" 1 Pass*.. 3:07 p m
" 48 Acc†.. 7:00 p m	" 47 Acc*.. 6:45 a m
" 70 Freight 11:05 a m	" 71 Freight 11:55 a m
FROM TOLEDO AND DETROIT.	TO TOLEDO AND DETROIT.
No. 48 Pass*.. 3:50 a m	No. 46 Pass†.. 6:15 a m
" 46 Pass*.. 3:55 p m	" 44 Pass*..11:35 a m
" 41 Pass†.. 9:00 p m	" 42 Pass*..10:18 p m
" 47 Pass†..	" 48 Pass†..
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" 5 Pass*.. 4:05 p m	" 4 Pass*..12:02 p m
" 1 Pass†.. 8:50 p m	" 6 Pass†.. 6:25 a m

*Daily. †Daily, except Sunday.

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NORTH.	SOUTH.
Diamond Special, daily....1:41 a m	Diamond Special, daily....2:43 a m
No. 122 pass. ex. Sunday....9:40 a m	No. 125 pass. ex. Sunday....9:45 a m
No. 194 freight ex. Sunday....2:00 p m	No. 193 freight ex. Sunday....10:30 a m
No. 126 pass. ex. Sunday....5:55 p m	No. 103 pass. ex. Sunday....5:35 p m
No. 702 (Champ'n line) leaves, ex. Sunday....3:15 p m	No. 701 (Champ'n line) arrives ex. Sunday....10:16 a m

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ARRIVE.	LEAVE.
No. 1 Pass....2:35 p m	No. 2 Pass....11:30 a m
" 3 Pass....4:05 a m	" 4 Pass....10:20 p m
" 7 Mixed. 10:00 a m	" 8 Mixed....4:00 a m
" 9 Freight. 8:00 p m	" 10 Freight. 7:00 a m

Trains 7 and 8 run between Hume and Decatur.

Peoria, Decatur and Evansville.

NORTH.	SOUTH.
No. 2 Pass.... 2:55 p m	No. 1 Pass....11:50 a m
" 4 Pass.... 4:10 a m	" 3 Pass.... 10:15 p m
" 30 Pass....7:00 a m	" 31 Pass....7:55 p m
" 10 Freight 10:45 a m	" 11 Freight. 2:00 p m

Vandalia Line.

ARRIVE.

From Terre Haute........11:05 a m—7:45 p m
From Peoria........5:00 p m—6:45 p m

LEAVE.

For Peoria........11:30 a m—6:20 a m
For Terre Haute........7:00 a m—6:10 p m

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And the hostess of the den cannot yet glance at the antelope medallion without a quiet smile of intense satisfaction. It was her first big game, and the memory of the thrill of ecstasy that followed the clearing away of the smoke and the sight of the limp, fawn-colored heap on the dull, green grass of the Montana prairie, is one never to be forgotten—nor, alas, equaled.

The great, brown rug in front of the fireplace was originally the possession of a huge cinnamon bear in the Bear-paw mountains. Its present owner is as proud of the manner in which she has tanned and lined the fur as she is of the shot which brought it down, while the three men in the party were patiently breaking underbrush on the wrong trail.

The large owl on the book-case, and the frieze of little screech owls over the entrance door, all witness to her remarkable skill both as marksman and taxidermist. Even the splendidly mounted gray wolf that was shot from the tent opening of a prairie camp was set up by the same pretty hands that have been carved by sculptors and greeted by royalty.

Rifles and shotguns are in evidence at every turn, on the walls in racks and cases, and in corners, crowding against tennis rackets and golf clubs; while two old hunting pieces, that have a history, are artistically arranged over the owl frieze. In the open drawers of an inlaid "jap." cabinet are heaps of cartridges. Powder flasks stand on the mantel, side by side with old "blue and white" and jade; and a rare satsuma jar on what should be a tea-table contains, not tea biscuits, but shot. A fringe of "brush" and "pads" hanging from under an India shield tells a story of cross-country riding after the hounds "straight" enough to bring glory and trophies to the fair young equestrian. Perched on the projecting corner of a gunrack is Diana's favorite cap for hunting in the woods on cold winter days. It is a twist of three squirrel skins, so arranged that it can be drawn over the ears and made to serve as both umbrella and muffler. The squirrels were shot in the famous "Squirrel's Paradise" in Sullivan county, and hours of patient waiting under the old hickory-nut tree were necessary to secure three large, perfect skins, for it is no easy matter to bring down a squirrel with his fur uninjured. The only correct shot is to take the little animal squarely in the head, and his shy ways and alert movements are not calculated to facilitate a slow, careful aim.

It should not, however, be understood that the study of taxidermy is taken up solely by society belles as an interesting adjunct to hunting and fishing. There are feminine taxidermists all over the country who do excellent professional work.

A special line of work which has fallen largely into the hands of women is the clever arrangement of outdoor effects in the cases where birds, fishes and large animals are displayed. Some unusually good work of this description in the Museum of Natural History in Central park bears the signature of women. MARY ANNABLE FANTON.

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In our new store, 355 North Water Street, in Temple Block, after Feb. 1, with a complete new stock.

Ballard's Horehound Syrup

is the best known Remedy for Consumption, Coughs, Colds and all Throat and Chest trouble. Every bottle is guaranteed. It is the best remedy for children. Sold by J. W. Eichinger and C. F. Shilling.

S. R. LANE, who recently retired from the grain business at Lane, will remove with his family to Lonoke, Ark.

Administrator's Notice of Final Settlement.

STATE OF ILLINOIS, } ss
MACON COUNTY, }

In the matter of the estate of John R. Wonacott, deceased.

To all whom it may concern: You are hereby notified that I, as the administrator of John R. Wonacott, deceased, have this day filed in the county court of said county a final report of my acts and doings as such administrator of said estate, and that I will on the 13th day of January, 1896, at the hour of 9 o'clock a. m., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard by the court, ask said court to approve said report and to release me from further liability in said matter and ask for a final discharge as such administrator, at which time and place you can be present and take such action as you may deem best.

Decatur, Ill., December 27, 1895.

ANDREW H. MILLS,
Administrator of John R. Wonacott, deceased.
Dec27-d2w

TO California in Through Tourist Sleepers, via Wabash R. R.—These sleepers leave Dearborn Station, Chicago, every Wednesday at 11:30 a. m., via Wabash and thence via St. Louis, Iron Mountain & Southern, Texas & Pacific, and Southern Pacific railways, running through to Los Angeles and San Francisco without change. First-class sleeper leaves Chicago daily on same train for City of Mexico with one change at Laredo. This sleeper lands you in Hot Springs the next day at 12:45 p. m., four hours and forty minutes ahead of any other line. No snow or ice via this great Southern Route. This is the only line from Chicago that can offer this excellent service. Call or write to any agent of the Wabash or connecting lines for printed matter showing time, routes, rates, descriptions of cars, etc., or C. S. Crane, G. P. & T. A., St. Louis, Mo. d 4-w2t

YOUR LAST CHANCE!

Christmas is almost upon us, and if you haven't all your presents as yet, you haven't much time to spare.

We are offering these last days at Cut Prices a beautiful line of Perfumes, in all styles of cut glass and plain bottles: Toilet Articles and Sundries generally, for Holiday gifts.

THE DRUGGIST,
Corner North Main and North Streets.

BARGAIN COLUMN.

For Sale, For Rent, Wanted, Etc.

Advertisements of Forty words or less may be inserted in this column at the rate of 25 cents per week, payable invariably in advance

WANTED.

WANTED—Three good solicitors to work among business men outside the city. Room 505 Arcade Building. Dec 21-d6t*

WANTED—You to call at 249 E. Main if you need a cloak. Bran new plush cloaks at one-fourth price. Also good bargains in all kinds of second-hand goods, including two good coal drills. W. M. Chance. dec18 d2w w2w

WANTED—The citizens of Decatur and vicinity to call at 221 North Main St. for the reliable New Home and Standard sewing machines. Repair work promptly and satisfactorily done. G. W. Davidson. Dec18-dtf

WANTED—500 men to take advantage of the slaughter sale of clothing at Charles E. Morgan's, 118 Merchant street. 25 cent discount on all suits, pants and overcoats. Sale commences December 9, and lasts 30 days. Everything marked in plain figures. 13-d3w

WANTED—The public to know that Archie Ward has moved his barber shop to his old location, West side Lincoln Square. Drop in and have your rough beard removed. Oct 21-dtf

WANTED—100 ladies to visit Madame Skinner and get her prices before having their fall and winter clothing before having their fall and winter costumes made. Style, fit and workmanship guaranteed. Old customers especially invited. Room 28, Syndidate Block. Take elevator to fourth floor. oct1stf

WANTED—The people to know that they can buy first-class second-hand furniture and stoves of us at half-price. We have a splendid line of second-hand lounges and parlor suits newly upholstered and refinished, just as good as new, bedroom suits, chairs, etc., at very low prices. Chicago Second Hand Store, 259 East Main street, first door west of Grindol's marble shop. All kinds of furniture repairing done at short notice. apr13-dtf

WANTED—An agent in every section to canvass: $4.00 to $5.00 a day made, sells at sight; also a man to sell Staple Goods to dealers, best side line $75.00 a month. Salary or large Commission made—experience unnecessary. Clifton Soap & Manufacturing Co., Cincinnati, O. Oct. 8, 1895-d1y

FOR SALE.

FOR SALE OR EXCHANGE—4 modern up-to-date residences for sale or exchange for good farms.

1 Residence among the most desirable in the city, good enough for any of the "400," valued twenty to thirty thousand, for sale or exchange for 320 to 640 acre farm. George Lower, Office Library Block. Dec 21-d6*

FOR SALE—3 large lots, well located for fine residences.

6 Lots, less frontage, well located for fine residences. Apply to Geo. Lower, Real Estate, Loan and Insurance Agent. Rooms 3 and 4, second floor, Library Block. No. 120 East William street. Dec 21-d6*

FOR RENT—Rooms in the Farmers' Bank building, second and third stories. Apply to L. B. Casner at the bank. dec 21-d1w*

FOR SALE—Good residence property on south side of Wood street, first block east of court house block. Seven rooms on 1st & 2d floors, basement, kitchen, dining room and cellar under entire house. First class Palace King furnace goes with house. Fifty-foot lot, with driveway extra. City water and cistern in house. On paved street and street cars pass door. W. P. Shade. dec20 dtf

FOR RENT—A large barn for rent very cheap. Call on J. F. Dowell, 1060 N. Water St. 12-11 tm

FOR SALE—Pitcher pumps, steel and iron sinks, wood, chain and iron pumps, well platforms, and repair work of pumps done on short order. A. M. Dillow, 359 E. Main street. Old telephone No. 218. dec6 dlm

FOR SALE—80x182 fine building lot, east front on North Church street; can be bought for $800 if sold this month, on account of closing partnership business. This is a snap; look it up. Peter H. Brueck, Real Estate Broker, 255 North Main street. Nov 15 dtf

FOR SALE—Nice lot, 40x182 on North Union street, fronts east. $375 buys it; owner wants money. This lot will be worth $500 in the spring. Have horse and buggy at office to show you the property. Peter H. Brueck, Real Estate Broker, 255 North Main street. Nov 15-dtf

FOR SALE OR TRADE—66 acres, 4 miles of Decatur; $50 worth $70.

70, 80, 88, 162, 118 and 220, two to three miles Decatur; part or all city property.

800 acres near good town in Shelby county; well improved, part trade.

320 acres fine black soil in Fayette county; well improved, part trade.

40, 80, 120, 230, 340 acres near good towns in Fayette county; all good selected farms, well improved, 5 to 25 acres orchard; part or all trade.

160 acres fine land in eastern Kansas, well improved, near town, to trade for Illinois land; city property or stock of goods.

160 in Nebraska, 160 in Oklahoma, 160 in Colorado, 480 in Texas, 640 in N. Dakota, 1280 in Buena Vista county, Iowa, for trade.

If you want to trade come to see me.

No matter what you have or what you want I can accommodate you. Office hours, 8 a. m. to 8 p. m. S. A. D. Gray and M. Bierwirth, 137 S. Water street. dec2 dtf

FOR SALE—Eight hundred dollars buys three nice east front building lots, 40x182 each, up North Church street. One-half cash, balance easy. You can make 50 per cent on these lots by holding until spring. Come and let me show them. Peter H. Brueck, real estate broker, 255 North Main. nov15-dtf

FOR SALE—A modern dwelling of seven rooms, east front, at 1153 North Edward street. Good well, cistern, sewer, out houses, water in yard, concrete sidewalk and paved street. Electric cars pass the house every 15 minutes. Possession can be given at once. Will sell on easy terms. Apply at 1123 North Edward street. sept 27dtf

FOR SALE—$50 cash and 25 monthly payments of $10 each, no interest, will buy a handsome building lot, east front, on North Church street. What more can you ask? Peter H. Brueck, real estate broker, 255 North Main street. nov15-dtf

BARGAINS IN CITY PROPERTY.—50 feet, corner lot, 6-room house on North Water street—$2,500.

50 feet corner lot, 7-room house on E. Water, $2800.

5-room house just off N. Water—$1,000.

A snap—I have several good houses, 4 to 9 rooms, for sale on monthly payments. Can take vacant lot or good horse and buggy in part payment. I also have some vacant lots to trade for improved.

Will build you a house to order on payments. S. A. D. GRAY and M. A. BIERWIRTH, 137 South Water street. Dec 2-dtf

LOST, FOUND, ETC.

FOUND—The best place in the city for high grand, pictures is at ABRAMS' gallery, over Peddecord, Burrows & Co's bank. For the best aristotype and crayon pictures you should not fail to call. july7dtf

MONEY TO LOAN.

LOANS Of All Kinds Made by **PEGRAM & CO.,**
Room One, over Citizen's Nat. Bank.

MONEY TO LOAN—In large or small amounts on good city real estate or farm lands, good notes or personal property. No delay. Money paid at once if title is good. All business strictly confidential. Office open every night. AARON SMICK, 146 East Main St. july22-dtf

MONEY to loan in large and small amounts. Loans made on live stock, farm implements, or household goods. All classes of loans negotiated on short notice. Loans on farms and city business property at 6 per cent interest. Apply to A. T. SUMMERS, No. 155 North Water street, over E. D. Bartholomew's Queensware house, Decatur, Ill. july16-d&wtf

LOANS—I have money to place on farms and city property not over 40 per cent of value at 6 per cent, on 5 years time, with privilege of payments after the second year. Also local money for nearly all classes of loans. Call or address Samuel McBride, 215 North Main street. dec17 d6mo

MONEY TO LOAN—On real estate, farm machinery, live stock, household goods or good personal security. Houses rented, rents and accounts collected. J. W. Redman, 149 S. Water St. Office hours, 8 a. m. to 7:30 p. m. First stairway north of Brunswick hotel. feb13-dtf

FINANCIAL—$2,000 on good real estate security. Call on F. Williams, of Williams & Williams, Fenton block. 12-1tf

MISCELLANEOUS.

PUMPS, PUMPS, PUMPS, PUMPS.
GEO. M. WOOD;
June8-d&wtf 135 South Water st.

ONE DOLLAR per dozen is the price of the "Dollar Special Cabinet at the East End gallery. Thousands of people say the pictures are all right. Be sure to place your Christmas orders in time. 1079 E. Eldorado St. Nov. 18, d&w tf

FOR SALE—Horses on easy payments. I have some good work horses, and a few good single drivers, which I will sell cheap, for cash, or on time, or on easy payments. One good work team for $25. Apply at my sale stable at west end of Eldorado street. E. B. DIMOCK. aug 13-d&wtf

STORAGE—New brick warehouse for merchandise, household goods, stoves, etc.; goods transferred to and from warehouse; loans and private room if desired; prompt and first class service. Inspection invited. Everything new and clean; 620 East Wabash avenue. Meridith & Winand. dec24d6

XMAS GOODS—Holly wreaths, mistletoe, evergreen roping, palm leaves, southern smilax; also roses and carnations of all kinds, hyacinths, lilies of the valley, violets, chrysanthemums and poinsettas and blooming plants. Old 'phone No. 200. Spring ave. N. Bommersbach, florist.

NONNIE GRIST has opened an office at 120 South Water street, where you can have delivered all kinds of packages or notes from 7 o'clock in the morning to 8 o'clock in the evening except Saturday till 12 o'clock p. m. Dec 16-d6

BEAR in mind that A. Kramer is still in business and is building wagons, buggies, trucks and spring wagons. He has just sold the outfit for the Heming bottling works, consisting of spring drays, wagon and one spring wagon with top. Mr. Kramer is ready at all times to accommodate his customers and give them articles on which they can rely. When you need a vehicle call on him. Repairing done to order on short notice. None but the best and most skillful mechanics employed. dec20 d1w

YOU want pure homemade candies for Christmas. Abraham, 545 North Water street, will furnish you the best at the lowest possible prices. Special rates given on large orders. We will give wholesale prices to lodges and Sunday schools. Place your orders with us and let us prove our statements. We use nothing but the best materials in making our candies. We also have a beautiful line of Christmas tree ornaments. We can fill all orders for nuts, &c. dec17 d6

FOUR DOLLARS PER DOZEN is a high price to pay for cabinet photos, and before you pay it you had better see the $1 and $2 "Specials" at the East End Gallery. Thousands of careful picture buyers have tried them and are pleased. No Tickets. No Agents. Place your holiday orders in time. 1079 East Eldorado street. Nov 23-d&w4w

SUPERIOR, plain, or ornamental flexible Rubber Stamps and supplies for all commercial purposes and all sizes. Outline DeVinne price markers are our specialties. See our samples. J. M. Myers, practical stamp maker, proprietor of the Decatur Rubber Stamp Works, the original and only exclusive stamp manufactory in the city—301 S. Church St., Decatur, Ill. d19 d6*

SEE DILTS—If you are wanting a two, three or four inch tubular well, or your old wells made deeper. Well work of all kinds and sizes, from two inches to three feet. 723 N. Water or 1712 E. Prairie street. nov29 dtf

CHRISTMAS TREES—You can get them any size to suit by addressing W. H. Tincher, Decatur nursery. He will deliver trees at the proper hour and place, strictly obeying orders. Dec18-dt

PUMPS, Windmills and Pipes, the best made, strong, durable and low-priced. Nothing leads the I. X. L. Windmills. Tubular and open wells made to order. R. A. Kelley, 557 North Water street. oct1-dtf

NOW is the time to place your orders for wire flower stands. We have them in great variety of styles and prices. They are not expensive and just the thing. Faust & Howe, 318 North Water. oct18-dtf

C. A. FOSTER—Teacher high grade piano playing. Superior advantages for the "Amateur Teacher," the so-called advanced pupil and "The Beginner." Studio over Dr. Waltz's dental parlors, 345 North Main. Hours 9 a. m. to 5 p. m. Nov 1-d2m

MIDWAY HEIGHTS—Call at Room 514 Arcade, and see Messrs O'Brien & Larkin about Texas lands. Greatest investment of the age. Lots in Midway Heights, model town of the state. Don't miss this chance. oct18-dtf

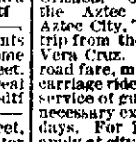
R. O. ROSEN, Architect and Builder. Office Rooms 1 and 2, third floor, Review Building, North Main street.

HAIR WORK.—Ladies' hair dressing and trimming in all styles of the art neatly done by Miss Irena Bunch for Mrs. Archie Ward, 119 North Main street, Northwest corner Old Square. A styles of hair work neatly done. Oct 31-dtf

ALL YOU CAN EAT.—Do you know that Ed. Day at his restaurant, 627 North Water street, gives the best meal in the city. Good lodging for the transient wayfarer. Call and try our bill of fare. dec6-d1mo

OUR $12 and $15 suits are well worth much more. In style, quality and fit they can't be excelled. Call and see samples. H. M' White, 235 North Water street. oct25-dtf

SEWING MACHINES of all kinds repaired and instructions given at the newly erected repair shop on Pine street, between West Main and Prairie streets. Over 25 years of experience. Drop postal to 750 West Main or call. New Phone 131. Oct 31, 1895-d1yr



Rev. Geo. F. Hall, preaches at the Christian Tabernacle every Sunday at 10:45 and 7:30. Sunday School at 9:30. The public cordially invited. 1,400 good seats, all free. Large Chorus-Choir, and song books for everybody. **Picture Sermons and Sacred Sunday Evening Concerts frequently. "Christ Our Only Creed; The Bible Our Only Guide."**

WABASH EXCURSIONS.

The Wabash Railroad will sell excursion tickets at greatly reduced rates to the following meetings:

Hunters' tickets to Michigan, Wisconsin, Arkansas and Missouri are now on sale.

Third Annual Tour through Mexico, "The Egypt of the New World." A special train of vestibuled sleeping and compartment cars, observation and library car, a palace dining car, will leave Detroit, Toledo, Chicago and Decatur, Tuesday, January 14, 1896. The tour embraces Hot Springs, Ark.; Austin and San Antonio, Texas; New Orleans, La., and the following cities in Mexico: Zacatecas, Aguas Calientes, Leon, Silao, Guanajuato, Queretaro, Pueblat Orizaba, Guadalajara, City of Mexico, the Aztec Pyramid of Cholula, Ancien, Aztec City, Taxcala, Falls of Juanacatlan. Side trip from the City of Mexico to the tropics of Vera Cruz. The round-trip rate includes railroad fare, meals, berths in sleeping car, hotels, carriage rides, the transfer and care of baggage, service of guides and interpreters—in fact every necessary expense for the entire trip of thirty days. For itineraries and further information apply at city ticket office.

Wabash Holiday Rates, 1-95-1896. For this occasion the Wabash railroad will sell tickets from all stations at greatly reduced rates on December 24, 25 and 31, 1895, and January 1, 1896, good to return up to and including January 2, 1896.

Harvest Excursion to the southwest on Jan. 14 and 28, Feb. 11 and March 10, 1896.

For full information regarding dates of sale, limits of tickets, rates maps and descriptive advertising matter, write or apply to C. A. Pollock, Passenger and Ticket Agent Wabash Railroad, Decatur, Ill. Nov 13-dtf

The Last Opportunity.

To visit Atlanta and see the Cotton States and International exposition will be offered by the P., D. & E. Railway, Dec. 20th at the very low rate of one cent per mile with return limit of 10 days. This should enable all who desire to take this trip and have not done so, to go. For further particulars call on nearest P., D. & E. ticket agent or address A. G. Palmer, G. P. A. P., D. & E. Ry., Evansville, Ind. dec14-d6.

Holiday Excursion.

For the holidays the P. D. & E. will sell round trip excursion tickets at rate of one fare and a third from all stations to points on the P. D. & E. Ry. Also to points on connecting lines.

For full particulars call on nearest P. D. & E ticket agent, or address.

A. G. PALMER, G. P. A.

PALACE
Cash Grocery, Dry Goods and Shoe House.

Christmas day is fast approaching. We have made great preparations for the holidays. The finest line of candies, nuts, apples, oranges, bananas, pineapples, pears, grapes, figs and toys to be found in our place by the carload for Sunday schools and other large buyers. We have special arrangement on our second floor which we have turned into a mammoth wholesale department, where you can get everything from a barrel full up to a truck load. Strictly lowest prices will be maintained on this floor. All goods packed and delivered to any depot or residence in the city without extra charge for packing or cartage. Out of town orders receive prompt attention and are filled at prices current the day when received.

Special Sale of Standard Canned Fruits and Vegetables. Packed in Two and Three Pound Tins.

15c per can — California Crawford Peaches.
15c per can — Good Lemon Cling Peaches.
15c per can — Good Bartlett Pears.
12 1-2c per can — Good Egg Plums.
12 1-2c per can — Good California Apricots.
12 1-2c per can — Good Green Gages.
12 1-2c per can — Good Baltimore Peaches.
12 1-2c per can — Good California Gooseberries.
7c per can — Good Sweet Corn.
7c per can — Good Tomatoes.
10c per can — Good Early June Peas.
9c per can — Good Succotash.
7c per can — Good String Beans.

TURKEYS AND CHICKENS.

As fine a line of Dressed Turkeys and Poultry as ever shown in this city.

30c per Bushel.

Five cars northern potatoes, Rose, Burbank, White Star and Beauty Hebrus. All go next week at 30c per bushel. Fine, large and mealy.

90c for 50 pounds best Minnesota flour.
75c for 50 pounds of good Baking Flour.
25c for 8 pounds hand-picked Navy Beans.
25c for 6 pounds of New Lima or Butter Beans.
25c for 6 pounds of Three Crown Raisens.
25c for 3 packages of New Rolled Oats.
25c for 8 bars Lenox Soap.
15c per pound for White Clover Honey.
60c for 2-gallon bucket White Drip Syrup.
$1.75 for 5-gallon keg New Sorghum.
38c for one gallon New Sorghum.
20c per gallon new Sauerkraut.
16c per can for Eagle Canned Milk.
14c for a can Hiland Vap. Cream.
10c for 2-pound package Buckwheat.
10c per pound for German Egg Noodles.
10c per pound for German Egg Vermicella.
35c for 15-pound bucket all kinds of Jelly.
5c for all sizes of Lamp Flues.
50c for five gallons of Coal Oil.
60c for five gallons of Gasoline.
40c per bushel for large Red Onions.

25c for 3-pound bucket Cottoline.
45c for 5-pound bucket Cottoline.
80c for 10 pound bucket Cottoline.
7c per can for good Corn.
8c per can for best Tomatoes.
20c per dozen for fresh Eggs.
10c per quart for Sound Cranberries.
15c per dozen for good Lemons.
10c per package Preston's California Breakfast Food.
10c per package Preston's Pancake Flour.
25c for 5 pound best Cleaned Currants.
25c for 2 cans of best Peas.
25c for 2 cans of good Peas.
1c per sack Peanuts.
25c for 4 packages New Mince Meat.
25c for 2 pounds of home-made Mince Meat.
25c for 3 pounds of good Mince Meat, such as others sell for 12½c per pound.
20c per pound for good Country Butter.
15c per pound for best Butterine.
10c per package shell Popcorn.
10c per pound new mixed Nuts.
10c per package Elastic Starch.
15c per package for Cox's Jeletine.
25c for 3 pounds of pure Lard.

It is the duty of every housekeeper to get full value for every cent spent for necessaries of life. The Palace is the place to get best values. A trial will convince you—

16 ounce Loaf Bread, 50 loaves....$1.00
Best Oyster Crackers, box or barrel, 3½c
Best Butter Cracker, box or barrel, 3½c
Best Soda Cracker, box or barrel...3½c

Once tried no others used.

You can't miss this sale—200 boxes and barrels of crackers sold in one week. Boxes contain about 16 pounds, just what one family needs. Cost about 50 to 60c per box.

Order by telephone, we guarantee all crackers to please or no sale.

Bakery goods only delivered with grocery or dry goods orders.

BARGAINS
In Holiday Slippers for Holiday Trade.

75c — A handsome velvet slipper for gentlemen, 75c.

85c — A nice tan slipper for gentlemen, 85c.

98c — A dandy tan slipper for gentlemen, 98c.

98c — A dandy embroidered slipper for gentlemen, 98c.

$1.50 — A fine red Oxford for gentlemen, $1.50.

A beautiful line of ladies' felt embroidered warm lined house slippers in three colors, none of your cheap trash, 98c.

Come and see. We can not tell what we have in this space. Open every night until 9 o'clock.

BARGAINS
All Along the Line.

48c — A good 10-4 grey blanket, 48c.

78c — A large 11-4 grey fleeced blanket, 78c.

$1.98 — A $3 all pure wool, with beautiful borders, grey and white, $1.98.

$2.50 — A $4 heavy all wool blanket, good enough for a queen, $2.50.

60c — Children's muff sets, 60c.

$5 — 100 pieces dinner set, decorated, worth $8, $5.

25c — Bread and milk sets, 25c.

25c — Pure china after dinner coffees, 25c.

Dolls, Toys, by the Wagon Load.

7c — Child's two wheel cart, 7c.
25c — Boys' coaster sled, 25c.
25c — Girl's sleighs, a good one, 25c.
25c — Child's doll buggies, 25c.

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Telephone 113. - 1101--1107 North Water Street.

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THE STRATHNEVIS

Thrilling Story of the Vessel's Imminent Peril

AND ALMOST PROVIDENTIAL ESCAPE.

Two Months at the Mercy of Wind and Wave—Drifting to Destruction on a Lee Shore—Heroic Efforts at Rescue — Saved.

PORT TOWNSEND, Wash., Dec. 27.—The Northern Pacific steamship Strathnevis is now in this harbor, looking externally little the worse for wear as a result of her two months' battle with the wind and waves of the Pacific ocean; but the story told by her commander, Capt. James Pattie, sounds more like a romance than reality.

The Strathnevis broke down on the morning of October 20 without a moment's warning. The shaft broke and the big steamer was at once helpless. Northerly gales were blowing at the time and the limited amount of canvass aboard was quickly spread, the vessel then heading for south and west. Slow progress was made, however, and in two days' sailing but 115 miles was covered, whenever the breeze stiffened up, advantage of it was taken and the vessel was steered in an easterly direction, the captain heading for the American coast.

It was not until November 19 that another vessel was sighted, that being the John Cambles, already reported. After she had passed on there was a weary time of it riding billows till Wednesday moring, December 18, when the Canadian-Australian steamer Miowera hove in sight on her way westward, and at once approached the disabled vessel, catching her line with little difficulty. The steamer headed for Cape Flattery.

After 12 hours the hawser parted, and on account of the gale and heavy seas running at the time it was 36 hours before another hawser was connected. This one lasted just 30 minutes before it, too, gave way. But within a short time two hawsers were connected with the steamer, and once more they headed for the cape.

At one o'clock last Monday morning, just 15 miles off Cape Flattery, the Miowera's two hawser's parted, and in the terrible sea that was running it seemed that it would be impossible to again get hold of the disabled steamer, and accordingly it was arranged that the Miowera was to stand by and save life when the Strathnevis went ashore, as it seemed certain she would do in a very short time.

When the squall had passed at four o'clock in the morning the Miowera was nowhere to be seen, and there was great consternation on board the Strathnevis. The captain did not think so seriously of the disappearance of the other vessel, because Capt. Scott had told him that his steamer would be able to tow him only three days owing to his limited coal supply.

By noon on Monday the Strathnevis was 30 miles off Destruction island, making slowly but surely for the rocky shore, and it seemed to all on board the steamer that their doom was sealed. As they approached nearer and nearer the shore with the wind behind them, all hands began making final preparations for the expected dashing of the steamer to pieces on the rocks; but when within seven miles of the island the wind shifted to the north, and to the delight of all, the anchor which was heaved over held fast. The chain soon parted, however, and the second and last anchor on board was sent down with what proved better success, for it held fast.

About nine o'clock Tuesday morning Purser McDonald and Third Officer Baynes and three Japanese sailors were sent off to the island in a boat with the hope that they might reach a telegraph station and wire for assistance. The men are still on the island.

At noon the same day the collier Mineola, Capt. Pillsbury, hove in sight and bore down on the Strathnevis, soon getting a hawser on board and heading for land.

When the Strathnevis arrived here last evening the wires were down and there seemed no way of sending the news out. Capt. J. B. Dibby, manager of the Puget Sound Tug Boat Co. volunteered to send the United Press dispatch to Seattle by the tug Tyee, and by this means the news was given to the world 13 hours earlier than it could otherwise have been.

There are 37 members of the crew of the Strathnevis, and she has 168 Chinese and Japanese passengers on board. Among the Chinese are several wealthy merchants who had started home to purchase Christmas goods for the Pacific coast trade. There are also five Japanese Yale college students on board who had started home to spend Christmas.

Capt. Pattie says that to the Chinese merchants and Japanese students on board he is indebted for the general discipline and order on the steamer, one merchant in particular taking charge of and exercising wonderful control over all his fellow countrymen. There was plenty of food on board and at no time was there any danger of going dry. The Mineola will probably put in a claim for salvage of $100,000, although this is not definitly determined.

Anxiety for the Safety of the Miowera.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Dec. 26.—There is considerable anxiety about the safety of the steamship Miowera. It was the Miowera that last Monday morning picked up the disabled Northern Pacific steamer Strathnevis at a point 40 miles west of Cape Flattery. After [illegible] the Strathnevis for five days the Miowera struck an unusually strong westerly gale which resulted in parting her hawser. She was consequently unable to pick up the Strathnevis again. The Miowera was bound for Australia. She belongs to the Canadian-Australian steamship line and is valued at $250,000.

ONE Minute Cough Cure is rightly named. It affords instant relief from suffering when afflicted with a severe cough or cold. It acts on the throat, bronchial tubes and lungs and never fails to give immediate relief. West's drug store.

MIKE HORN, a farmer living near the Mackinaw, has so far lost nine horses and several head of cattle by the flood.

NO EXCUSE for sleepless nights when you can procure One Minute Cough Cure. This will relieve all annoyances, cure the most severe cough and give you rest and health. Can you afford to do without it? West's drugstore.

TELEGRAPHIC NOTES.

—The week's packing of hogs in Cincinnati amounted to 415,000 against 405,000 for the corresponding week last year.

—Edward Lee Miller, aged 28, was killed by a street car in St. Louis early yesterday morning. Where he fell a half-filled whisky bottle was found.

—A dispatch from Havana says that Gen. Martinez Campos' alleged victory over the insurgents at Colizeo has not checked the advance of the rebels.

—At Peach Orchard, Ky., Wednesday, James Madison shot Hattie Snowden in the breast with a paper wad from an old Enfield rifle. She may die.

—Two of the oldest women in New England, Mrs. Hannah Lovett, of Nashua, N. H., and Mrs. Mary Morey, of Plymouth, Mass., died on Christmas day.

—John H. Baulsbaugh and his wife, who lived near Swatara, Pa., were found dead in their rooms from the effects of coal gas from a defective stove-pipe.

—A short time ago snow was on the ground and sleighs were running in Connecticut. Last week ice was cut, and Christmas day some of the farmers did a little plowing.

—Albert Stoup, 23 years of age, who worked in a steam sausage factory at Portland, Ore., leaned over a tank of boiling water to shut off the steam and fell in. He died two hours later.

—Near Independence, "G" county, Okla., George Rogers and Will French, young men, quarreled over a girl and fought it out with knives, French being fatally cut in the face and back.

—George Vanderbilt's $5,000,000 castle at Biltmore, N. C., was formally opened Wednesday. All the tenants on the estate, black and white, were treated to a Christmas tree and dinner.

—A dispatch from Algiers says that the small French steamer Emile-Heloise was run down and sunk by the British steamer Bellerophon and 30 passengers were drowned, twenty-five of whom were natives.

—A terrific snow and sleet storm prevailed in Berlin all day yesterday. The streets were rendered impassable because of their slippery condition, and traffic was greatly impeded and in many cases wholly suspended.

—The full text of Manitoba's reply to the Dominion government on the separate school question was made public yesterday. The Manitoba government positively refuses the proposal to establish a system of separate schools in any form.

—The members of the Royal Hawaiian band, which stranded in Cleveland, O., last week, are in a deplorable condition. One of them was sick Christmas, and it was found that he was starving. They have been practically without food for several days.

—In his Christmas message to Rev. Joseph Parker, of the City Temple, London, Mr. Gladstone said: "I humbly pray that Christians may grow more and more in that unity which the Lord gave us life to promote and which all earnest prayer tends to forward."

—One of the worst blizzards that ever visited Indianapolis, Ind., struck that city early yesterday morning, and continued with increasing violence, until by afternoon the streets were almost impassable for traffic and the telephone and electric wires were in one tangled mass.

—Three masked robbers held up a Mission-street car returning to San Francisco from Ingleside, Wednesday night, and robbed Richard Clarke, an employe of the Pacific Coast Jockey club, of the receipts of the day, said to aggregate three thousand dollars. Clarke and two other men were shot.

—The Gauley Mountain Coal Co.'s stables at Ansted, W. Va., were destroyed by fire. Twenty-two mules and a large amount of feed were burned. Loss, about $4,000. The company's magazine, containing seven cases of dynamite and 1,000 kegs of powder, was less than a hundred feet from the stables, but was saved.

A YOUNG LADY'S PLAYFUL JOKE

Results in a Horrible Death and Injury to Many Persons.

PARKERSBURG, W. Va., Dec. 27.—Clyde Farnsworth, a well-known and popular young man, was burned to death Wednesday night as the result of a playful joke. A large party had gathered to witness a Christmas celebration and Farnsworth dressed in a fleecy cotton costume impersonating Santa Claus. In the midst of the festivities a young lady playfully threw a lighted match at him. His costume caught fire and he was burned to a crisp. Farnsworth's father and several others were severely burned in attempting to extinguish the flames. A panic ensued among the guests and a number of ladies and children were injured.

CREMATED ALIVE.

Three Men Burned to Death in a Sawmill.

ASHLAND, Wis., Dec. 27.—By the burning of the sawmill of the Sutherland Lumber Co. yesterday morning three men lost their lives. Two of them, Bill and Jack Noonin, cousins of Carkeek, the noted Cornish wrestler, were found dead in the boiler room four feet from the door, while the third was so badly burned that he died in agony soon after. One of his arms was burned off. The men had been asleep on the boilers, and did not waken till the flames had burned off the roof of the room.

Colorado Mining Stocks.

DENVER, Col., Dec. 26.—The mining stock market was stronger to-day than it has been for two weeks past. The quotations are now all higher than they were before the scare of last Friday. Isabella, Portland, Anaconda and other investment stocks have gained from six to ten cents since holders last week unloaded by reason of the scare. The volume of sales is not so great, owing to the lack of offerings.

Ballard's Snow Liniment.

If you have a terrible pain in the small of the back, get a bottle of Snow Liniment. It will positively cure it and at once. Try it and recommend it to your friends. Sold by J. W. Eichinger and C. F. Shilling.

Dr. T. S. Hoskins, Dentist, Opera House Block, ground floor.
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Big Four Earnings for November.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—The Big Four road reports for November net earning of $334,570, an increase of $7,445.

Contract Given to the Newport News Co.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—As indicated might be the case, the secretary of the navy yesterday desided to give the contract for the two battleships of the Kearsarge type to the Newport News Co.

Montreal to Have a School of Military Instruction.

OTTAWA, Ont., Dec. 27.—The government has decided to at once establish a school of military instruction in Montreal. Several informal delegations waited upon the authorities in this connection and the government decided to accede to their demands.

Nothing to Say on Any Subject.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—Mr. J. Pierpont Morgan, who has returned from Washington, was at his office yesterday morning. Mr. Morgan, when questioned, said that he had no statement to make regarding a bond issue or any other matter pertaining to his visit to Washington.

A Christmas Fight in a Country Dive.

MIDDLESBORO, Ky., Dec. 27.—In a Chirstmas fight at a country dive near Eden, Va., 28 miles from hare, John Divine killed Henry Morton, and Thomas Renshaw was mortally wounded. A man named Pickam and one other man were badly wounded. There were no arrests.

Annual Convention of Western Penmen.

CHICAGO, Dec. 27.—The tenth annual convention of the Western Penmen's association began yesterday at the Chicago business college and will continue until Monday evening. About 100 men and women interested in business colleges, penmanship, shorthand teachers, stenographers and individual teachers in the business branch of education are present. Papers were read and a lively discussion followed in each case.

The Edinburgh Chamber of Commerce for Peace.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—The following cable dispatch was received yesterday by the chamber of commerce:

"Edinburgh, Dec. 26.—Chamber of Commerce, New York: The Edinburgh chamber of commerce expresses earnest desire that the present difficulty may end in continuance of peaceful relations between both countries so closely allied by kindred, language and mutal interests."

THOMAS CLARK, Baronet,
President.

MARKET REPORT.

Grain and Provisions.

ST. LOUIS—Flour—Fancy to extra fancy, $2.70@3.20; patents, $3.30@3.40. Wheat—No. 2 red, 61¾@62¾c; No. 3 red, 58½c. Corn—No. 2, mixed, 23¾@24c; No. 2, white, 24c. Oats—No. 2, 16¾c. Hay—Prairie, $6.00@8.50; mixed timothy, $7.00@11.00; clear timothy, $10.00@14.00. Butter—Creamery, 20@26c; dairy, 15@20c. Eggs—Fresh, 19½@20c. Lard—Prime steam, 5.12½c. Pork—New standard mess, $8.87½. Bacon—Longs, 5.12½c; clear ribs, 5.12½c; clear, 5.25c; all boxed. Wool—Choice tub-washed, 18@20½c.

Wheat—Futures closed: December, 52¾c n; May, 57⅛c b.

Corn—Futures closed: December, 24c b; January, 23¾@23⅞c b; May, 24⅞c.

NEW YORK—Flour—State and western, quiet and steady. Wheat—March, 66¼@66½c; May, 65¼@65½c. Corn—January, 33¾@34c. May, 34 7-16@34½c; No. 2, 34¾@35c asked. Oats—May, 24c asked; western, 23@29c. Pork—Mess, $8.75@9.75. Lard—Steam-rendered, 5.50c asked. Butter—Western dairy, 11@19c; western creamery, 19@25c, western creamery, June, 17@22½; western creamery, factory, 10@18c; Elgins, 25c, immitation creamery, 15@22c, rolls, 11@18c. Eggs—Western 20@21c.

CHICAGO—Opening quotations. Wheat—May, 58⅜@58½c. Corn—May, 28@28⅛c. Oats—May, 19c. Pork—January, $8.60, May, $8.95. Lard—January, 5.27½, May, 5.50c. Short Ribs—January, 4.25, May, 4.50c.

CHICAGO—Closing quotations: Wheat—December, 54⅜c; January, 54⅝c; May, 57⅞c asked; July, 58½c. Corn—December, 25¼c, January, 25½c; May, 27¾@27⅞c bid. Oats—December, 15⅜c; May, 15¼c bid. Pork—December, $7.60; January, $8.50, May, $8.65 asked. Lard—December, 5.25c, January 5.30c asked; May, 5.50c. Short Ribs—December, 4.25c; January, 4.25c asked; May, 4.47½c asked.

Live Stock Market.

ST. LOUIS—Cattle—Fancy export, $4.00@4.75, fair to choice, $3.75@4.35, butchers, $2.65@3.50. Hogs—Packing, $3.25@3.40, butchers hogs, $3.35@3.45. Yorkers, $3.20@3.35. Sheep—Prices range at $3.00@3.35; spring lambs, $3.00@4.75.

HORSES.

Horses draft, good to extra	$ 60 00@100 00
Drivers, good to extra	60 00@125 00
Saddlers, good to extra	65 00@125 00
Matched teams, good to extra	100 00@225 00
Streeters	50 00@ 85 00
Southern animals	30 00@ 50 00

MULES

14 hands, 4 to 7 years old	$ 30 00@ 50 00
14½ hands, 4 to 7 years old	35 00@ 55 00
15 hands, 4 to 7 years old	45 00@ 65 00
15½ hands, 4 to 7 years old	70 00@ 90 00
16 to 16½ hands, 4 to 7 years old	70 00@120 00

CHICAGO—The Drover's Journal's official quotations are as follows: Cattle—Receipts, 15,000 head; market opened steady; closed 10@15c lower, except cows, which were strong. Fair to best beeves, $3.25@4.75; stockers and feeders, $2.35@3.60, mixed cows and bulls, $1.40@3.55, Texans, $2.70@3.75. Hogs—Receipts, 17,000 head; estimated for to-morrow, 20,000 head; market 5@10c higher. Light, $3.35@3.55; rough packing, $3.30@3.35; mixed and butchers', $3.35@3.57½; heavy packing and shipping, $3.40@3.57½; pigs, $2.40@3.50. Sheep—Receipts, 4,000 head; market 10@15c higher. Natives, $2.00@3.60; western, $2.60@3.50; Texas, $2.00@2.75; lambs, $3.00@4.50.

KANSAS CITY—Hogs—All grades, $3.35@3.42½; pigs, $2.75@3.15. Cattle—Native steers, best, $3.60@4.35; fair to good, $3.00@3.90, bulls, $2.25@2.75; cows and heifers, best, $2.80@3.20; fair to good, $1.70@2.80; stockers and feeders, $2.60@3.30; Texas and western, $2.40@3.60; calves, $4.00@10.00.

CINCINNATI—Hogs—Firmer; choice packing and light, $4.00@3.45.

Cotton.

Quotations for middling range as follows: St. Louis, 8c; New York, 8⅛c; New Orleans, 7 13-16c; Memphis, 7 13-16c; Charleston, 7⅝c.

Financial.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—Money on call 6@7 per cent. Prime mercantile paper, 4½@5½ per cent. Sterling exchange dull, with actual business in bankers' bills at 488¾@488⅞ for 60 days, and 489½@490 for demand. Posted rates, 489@491. Commercial bills, 487@487¾. Exchanges $157,000,816; balances, $6,447,503. Bar silver, 66¼. Mexican dollars, 52¼. Government bonds easier. State bonds dull. Railroad bonds firmer.

Stocks showed a reactionary tendency after 11 o'clock and under sales to realize profits, prices receded ¼@2 per cent. There was no special pressure to sell, and the market was devoid of excitement. In the decline Big Four got back to 36½, Burlington & Quincy to 37¾, Louisville & Nashville to 46¼, Missouri Pacific to 26, Pacific Mail to 27½, Tennessee Coal to 29, Tobacco to 77, and Western Union to 86¼. Leather preferred and Reading were really weak features to the market. At midday speculation was irregular.

A Household Treasure.

D. W. Fuller, of Conajoharie, N. Y. says that he always keeps Dr. King's New Discovery in the house, and his family has always found the very best results follow its use; that he would not be without it, if procurable. G. A. Dykeman, druggist, Catskill, N. Y., says that Dr. King's New Discovery is undoubtedly the best Cough remedy; that he has used it in his family for eight years, and it never failed to do all that it claimed for it. Why not try a remedy so long tried and tested? Trial bottles free at King & Metz's drug store. Regular size 50c and $1.00

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All who have endured untold agonies from liver and kidney troubles, biliousness, mental depression, dizziness, etc., know too well the misery they have gone through. Why? Because they have not found an adequate remedy for their complaints. They need despair no longer. There is a cure for all things.

DR. BENJAMIN BROWN'S Purely Vegetable Liver and Kidney Pills

are a certain remedy for all liver and kidney trouble, sick headache, bilious headache, nervous headache, sour stomach, constipation, heartburn, mental depression, dizziness, and taste in the mouth, and will purify the blood. Will give you a clear and beautiful complexion and certainly will break up fevers and colds if taken immediately.

The efficacy of these pills has been proved in thousands of instances, and testimonials almost without number have been received from men of national reputation, testifying to the wonderful results they achieve. A trial of a single package will convince the most skeptical of the wonderful result it will produce. Without the least griping or pain in the bowels.

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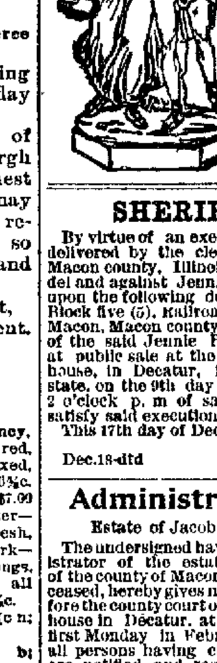

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SHERIFF'S SALE.

By virtue of an execution to me directed and delivered by the clerk of the circuit court of Macon county, Illinois, in favor of John Schudel and against Jennie Phillips, I have levied upon the following described property, to-wit: Block five (5), Railroad addition to the city of Macon, Macon county, Illinois, taken as property of the said Jennie Phillips, which I shall offer at public sale at the north door of the court house, in Decatur, in Macon county, in said state, on the 9th day of January, A. D., 1896, at 2 o'clock p. m. of said day, for cash in hand to satisfy said execution.

This 17th day of Dec., A. D. 1895.

J. P. NICHOLSON,
Dec.18-dtd Sheriff Macon Co., Ill.

Administrator's Notice.

Estate of Jacob K. Harry, Deceased.

The undersigned having been appointed administrator of the estate of Jacob K. Harry, late of the county of Macon and state of Illinois, deceased, hereby gives notice that he will appear before the county court of Macon county, at the court house in Decatur, at the February term, on the first Monday in February next, at which time all persons having claims against said estate are notified and requested to attend for the purpose of having the same adjusted. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned.

Dated this 30th day of November, 1895.

ANDREW H. MILLS,
Nov 30-d3w Administrator

ASSIGNEE'S NOTICE.

In the matter of the assignment of Nathaniel T. Watson: Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed assignee of the estate of Nathaniel T. Watson, and all persons holding any claim or claims against the said Nathaniel T. Watson are hereby notified to present the same to me under oath or affirmation within three months from this date, whether such claims are due or not. All persons indebted to such assignor are requested to make prompt payment of the same.

Dated this 20th day of November, 1895.

CHARLES S. HANKINS, Assignee.
Nov. 20-d6w

Illinois Central R. R.

NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS.

32 DAYS TOUR OF

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Leaving Chicago and Dubuque January 20, 1896, in Pullman private cars, and including, on the return, the far-famed

Mardi Gras at New Orleans.

But $275 for all expenses of the round trip. Send for illustrated pamphlet giving all particulars.

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At one fare for the round trip, plus $2.00, on January 13-27, February 10 and March 9, from certain I. C. R. R. stations west of Fort Dodge, and on January 14-28, February 11 and March 10, 1896, from stations east of Fort Dodge to Cairo, to all stations south of Cairo on the line of the Illinois Central and the Yazoo and Mississippi Valley railroads, except Memphis and New Orleans.

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Reached quickly and direct by the Holly Springs Route of the Illinois Central R. R., via Holly Springs, Birmingham and Atlanta, with connections for Montgomery, Augusta, Aiken, Charleston, Savannah, and other southern points. Through sleeping car reservations to Jacksonville, Fla.

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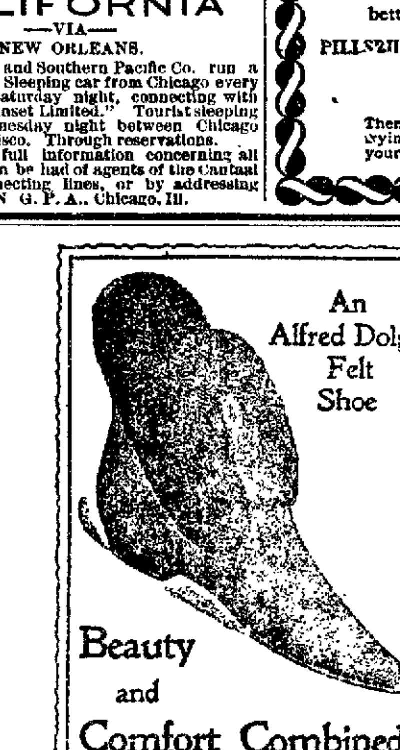
Tickets and full information concerning all of the above can be had of agents of the Central Route and connecting lines, or by addressing A. H. HANSON G. P. A., Chicago, Ill.



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Felt House Shoes.

Ladies', $1.50. Misses', $1.25. Children's, $1.00.

SAME AS SHOWN ABOVE.

POWERS' SHOE STORE.

CHANCERY NOTICE.

STATE OF ILLINOIS, } ss
MACON COUNTY, }

In the Circuit Court, January Term, A. D. 1896

Amanda Wilson et al. vs. Rebecca Belle Barnet et al.

To Rebecca Belle Barnet, Malinda F. Alexander, William F. Alexander, Lucy A. Francis, Minerva O Alexander, Bertha Alexander, William A. Adkins, Mary J. Adkins, George M. Adkins, David Farney, James Farney, Anna Farney, John Thomas Farney, Howard Farney, Myrtle Hammond, Maude Hammond, John H. Alexander and Henry Alexander: You and each of you are hereby notified that there is a certain suit now pending and undetermined in the circuit court of Macon county, state of Illinois, wherein Amanda Wilson, Mary E. Jones, Charles Jones, John D. Farney, Mary J. Farney, George W. Farney, Nancy Farney, Ruth A. Hatton, Josiah Hatton, William Farney and Ella Farney are complainants, and Rebecca Belle Barnet, Malinda F. Alexander, William F. Alexander, Lucy A. Francis, Minerva O. Alexander, Bertha Alexander, William A. Adkins, Mary J. Adkins, George M. Adkins, David Farney, James Farney, Anna Farney, John Thomas Farney, Howard Farney, Myrtle Hammond, Maude Hammond, John H. Alexander, Henry Alexander, John Tolberd and Chris Gullet are defendants, and that summons in said cause is issued, returnable in said court to be held at the court house in Decatur, in the county of Macon, in the state of Illinois, on the second month of January, A. D. 1896. Now, unless you appear and plead, answer or demur to said bill, the same will be taken as confessed and a decree entered in accordance with the prayer of said bill.

Dated this 3d day of December, A. D. 1895.

E. McCLELLAN, Clerk.

BUNN & PARK, Complainants' Solicitors.
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CHANCERY NOTICE

STATE OF ILLINOIS, } ss
MACON COUNTY, }

In the Circuit Court, January Term, 1896.

Charles Wehner vs. Keziah Wehner—Chancery.

Affidavit of the nonresidence of Keziah Wehner, defendant above named, having been filed in the office of the clerk of the said circuit court of Macon county, notice is hereby given to the said Keziah Wehner that the complainant filed his bill of complaint in said court, on the chancery side thereof, on the 30th day of November, 1895, and that thereupon a summons issued out of said court against said defendant, Keziah Wehner, returnable on the 13th day of January, 1896, as is by law required.

Now unless you, the said Keziah Wehner, shall personally be and appear before the said circuit court of Macon county, on the first day of the next term thereof, to be holden in Decatur, in said county, on the 13th day of January, 1896, and plead, answer or demur to the said complainant's bill of complaint, the same and the matters and things therein charged and stated will be taken and confessed, and a decree entered against you according to the prayer of said bill.

E. McCLELLAN, Clerk.

W. E. REDMAN, Sol. dec 2-d4w

Special Tax Notice.

Public notice is hereby given that the county court of Macon county, Illinois, has rendered judgment for special tax upon property abutting upon the following improvement, to-wit: The construction of a certain sewer commencing at and connecting with the present sewer on Pugh street, at a point ten (10) feet east of the intersection of the alley running north and south between North Water and North Main street, and said present sewer, thence southwesterly by a gradual curve to the center line of said alley, thence south on the center line of said alley to the north line of Packard street, as will more fully appear from the certified copy of the judgment on file in my office.

That a warrant for the collection of such special taxes is in the hands of the undersigned.

All persons interested are hereby notified to call and pay the amount assessed at the collector's office, being the city clerk's office at the court house, in said city, within thirty days from the date hereof.

Dated this 10th day of December, A. D. 1895.

dec11-d30d F. L. HAYS, City Clerk.

Administrator's Notice.

Estate of John Murphy, Deceased.

The undersigned having been appointed administrator of the estate of John Murphy, deceased, late of the county of Macon and state of Illinois, hereby gives notice that he will appear before the county court of Macon county, at the court house in Decatur, at the February term, on the first Monday in February next, at which time all persons having claims against said estate are notified and requested to attend for the purpose of having the same adjusted. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned.

Dated this 18th day of December, 1895.

W. H. ELWOOD, Administrator.
Dec18-d3w

Administrator's Notice.

Estate of Hugh Mitchell, Deceased.

The undersigned having been appointed administrator of the estate of Hugh Mitchell, late of the county of Macon and state of Illinois, deceased, hereby gives notice that he will appear before the county court of Macon county, at the court house in Decatur, at the February term, on the first Monday in February next, at which time all persons having claims against said estate are notified and requested to attend for the purpose of having the same adjusted. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned.

Dated this 5th day of December, 1895.

WILLIAM MITCHELL, Administrator.
Dec 5-d3w

Too Much RISK

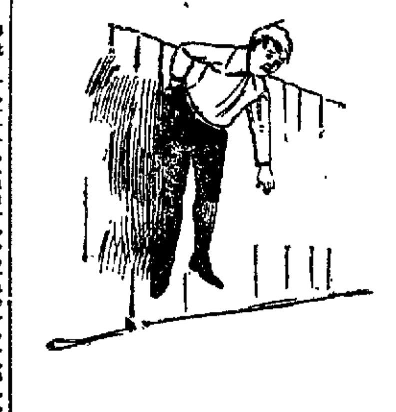
Your grocer may tell you he has flour at a less price that is just as good as

PILLSBURY'S BEST.

He will not claim that he has anything any better because—

PILLSBURY'S BEST is the BEST THERE IS.

Then what's the good of trying experiments with your bread and butter.



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This is just the thing to buy the boy for a Christmas present.

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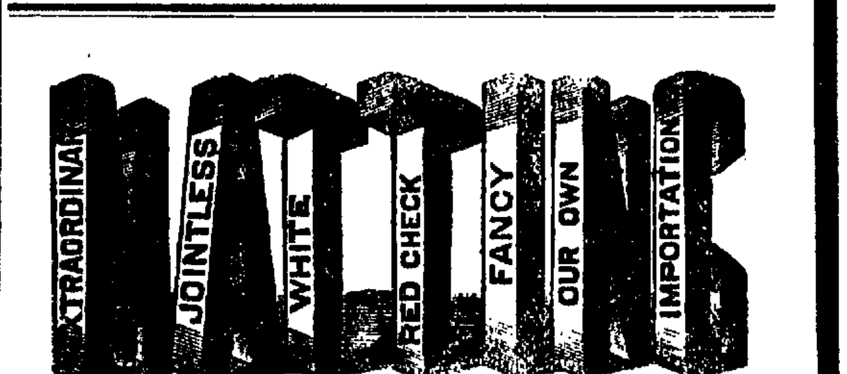

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500 Books, good cloth binding, 25c each.
Large assortment of Gold Pens and Pencils. Games of every description.
Pelonbit's notes on Sunday School lessons, '96.
Diaries in various bindings for 1896.

LIST OF LATE BOOKS JUST RECEIVED:

Uncle Remus, Joel Chandler Harris, $2.
Trooper Ross and Signal Butte, Capt. Chas. King, $1.50.
A New Alice in the old Wonderland $1.50.
Mr. Rabbit at Home, J. Chandler Harris, $2.00.
Days of Auld Lang Syne, McClaren, $1.25.
Shakespeare's Heroines on the Stage, Wingate, $2.00.
Out of the East, Lafcadio Hearn, $1.25.
Zoraida, LeQueux, $1.50.
Heart of the World, H. Rider Haggard, $1.50.
King Strategem, Stanley Weyman, 50c.
m bi, Stories for Children, $1.25.
About Paris, Richard Harding Davis, $1.25.
Jude, the Obscure, Thos. Hardy, $1.75.
Toxin, Ouida, 75c.
Frivolous Cupid, Anthony Hope, 75c.
Bachelors Xmas, Rob't Grant, $1.50.
Art of Living, $2.50.
Stories from Scribners, per. vol. 75c.
House Boat on the Styx, Bangs, $1.25.
The Parasite, A. Conan Doyle, $1.25.
The Story of Lawrence Garthe, Kirk, $1.25.
Two Little Pilgrims Progress, Burnett, $1.50.
Red Cockade, Stanley Weyman, $1.50.
Ben King's Verse, $1.50.
Jim of Hellas, Laura E. Richards, 50c.

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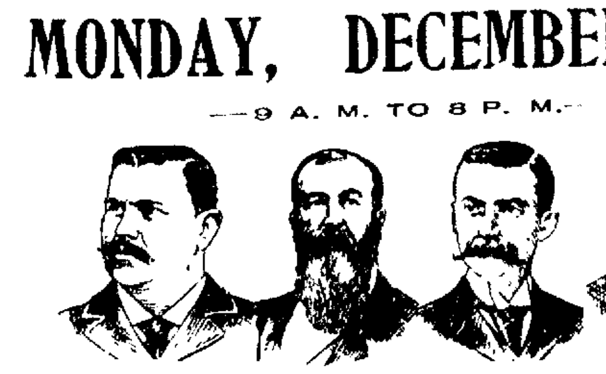

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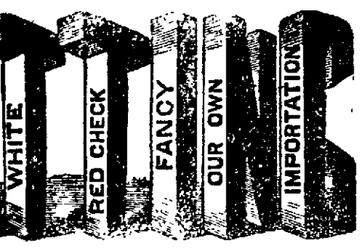

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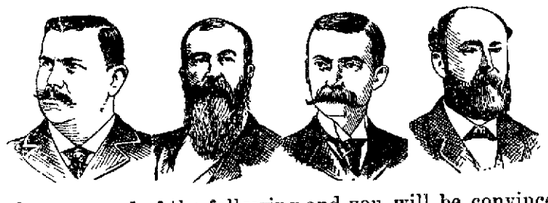

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Written for This Paper.

The deputy marshals had been bold and enterprising, and a number of wild-cat distillers had been brought in to be tried before the United States court at Nashville. The cases, for the most part, were disposed of with dull regularity, for the judge was tired and the jurymen were sleepy; young men were led away to be sent to the penitentiary, and boys, not yet out of their teens, stood under the government's sharp reproof. There was one more prisoner to be tried, an old man with long white

"I'M MUCH OBLIGED TO YOU, JUDGE."

hair. His eyes were clear, his brow was noble, and he looked like a saint, but he was a sinner, hardened with many years' violation of the law. He offered no apology, but erect he stood, looking straight into the searching eyes of the judge, for when the old man had been called, the jurist aroused himself from his weariness and, with keen interest, regarded the proceedings. The jury listened to the evidence, the district attorney made a convincing speech. All that now remained was the judge's charge, and then, a verdict of guilty.

"How old are you?" the judge asked.

"I am 80, sir."

The judge sighed. "It is a great pity that you, at your declining time of life, should be sent to a prison. To look upon, you are a noble specimen of American manhood, and regardless of your guilt, I must say that I sympathize with you. But I cannot help you. The jury has heard the evidence, you have offset none of the proof, and we know that you are guilty; and this must serve as my charge to these gentlemen, who have your case in hand. All I can do is simply to say that I am sorry for you."

"I am much obliged to you, judge," the old man replied, bowing, "but in my turn I must say that I am sorry for the government."

"Sorry for the government! Are you so hardened as to say that?"

"I am not hardened, judge; I'm softened. Understand, now, that I'm not going to plead for myself one bit, but I'm going to state my case. As you know, I live up in the mountains of East Tennessee. Some of the finest orators and soldiers in this country have come from near my home. Up there we breed patriots, sir. All my people have fought for their country, and my grandfather and my father and I made whisky. In my grandfather's time it was no harm. He raised corn, and turning it into whisky was the only way that he could make it worth the raising. And it was the same way with my father, and indeed the same way with me until my country changed its methods. When the war came up, I turned from my little distillery. I said to my three sons: 'Come, boys, Uncle Sam wants us.' The rest of the state was a howling wilderness of secession; men I had known and respected all my life turned upon me with a threat and a frown of hatred. But I said: 'I will bear every-

"IT WAS A WHIRLWIND OF FIRE."

thing, for I hear the voice of my country calling me. She is in trouble and I am ready to die for her.' Well, we went into the army, my three sons and I, and we fought with the brave men from the west and the east. John was killed one awful day, and I said to my other sons 'the union needed his blood,' and onward we marched. There came another frightful day, and men with glasses looked on anxiously to see if the union should be wiped out. Five times did my sons and I surge down into the slaughter pen, and at night Bob was missing. He lay with his gun under him and with his face toward the enemy. I put my arms around William, my youngest boy, and as he sobbed on my breast—for he loved that brother—I said: 'His country commanded his blood to flow.' After that, on the long march as he trod beside me, I saw his sad face, and in the night, as we lay on the cold ground, I heard him sob. And I could say nothing, but I would slip my arm under his head. The days wore along. Another battle was in sight.

"We were in line. William was beside me. He was deathly pale. 'My boy, are you anxious?' I asked. He looked up at me and smiled, the first smile since the death of Bob.

"'If I've a fear at all it is for you, father,' he said.

"'Don't fear for me,' I replied.

"The fight came on. It was a whirlwind of fire, and when it had swept away William lay there, with his face toward the enemy. An army was about me, but I was alone, fighting for the union. Peace came and I returned home to my heartbroken wife. 'Our sons are gone,' I said, 'but the union is safe. And let us thank God for that.' I went down under the hill and began my work, the work that my grandfather had begun; and I prospered. But here came a message from the government, the government that I had helped to save, telling me that I was violating the law, the law that my boys had spilled their blood to save.

"'Oh, I reckon not,' I said to a neighbor who had brought me the news, for the government did not really send it—wasn't kind enough. 'Oh, I reckon not. The government knows what I have done.' And so I went on with my work. I don't argue that it is right to make whisky—that is, morally right; but I had no other employment—it was the business of my life. I didn't see any of the evil effects of the whisky I made. The man that bought it from me was never drunk. And I knew also that the government let men retail whisky after they had paid for the privilege. So with the government it was not a moral question. And I kept on making liquor. One day here came a lot of soldiers when I was not at home and destroyed my still. Soldiers, mind you, that wore the cloth that my boys had dyed red with their blood. Yes, destroyed my still and left word that if I ever set up another one they would put me in jail and then send me to the penitentiary to be a convict. Judge, this set me on fire. And I set up my still again, off in the mountains under a rock, and I fooled the law until the other day, when a man who had been a bushwhacker during the war reported me. This is about all I've got to say, and I want you all to understand that I have not said it as a plea, but simply as a statement of my case. About half these jurymen were on the other side during the war, and surely I would not try to impress them with my story. I am from the mountains, but I am not ignorant; I have read books and I know men. And now let me say that I

"I DON'T WANT TO BE A HYPERCRIT."

acknowledge that I have violated the law."

The judge straightened up, it appeared, to deliver another charge, but one of the jurymen, a man who had fought with Hood, made a motion with his hand and then began to whisper with his companions. And a moment later a man arose and said that "We, the jury, find the prisoner not guilty."

A wild shout went up, and men and women who had never seen one another before affectionately shook hands. The old man continued to stand there, and when silence returned, he said:

"Gentlemen, I don't want to take any advantage of you—don't want to be a hypercrit. You have shown me a great kindness and it would be mean of me to take advantage of it, so I must now tell you that if you turn me loose I'll go home—"

"You are free," said the judge, interrupting him.

"Wait a moment, judge. I won't go away from here a hypercrit. I'll go home, as I started to tell you—go home and make whisky. That's what I'm going to do. And I'm going to walk mighty slow toward the door, and if anyone steps in front of me I'll stop. Won't run over a man, I tell you that—going to walk slow and the touch of a boy's hand can stop me. Here I go, judge—go home to make whisky."

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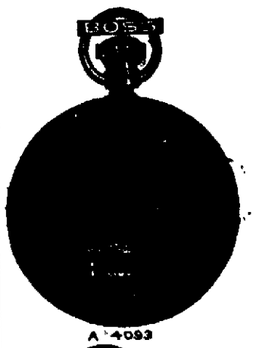

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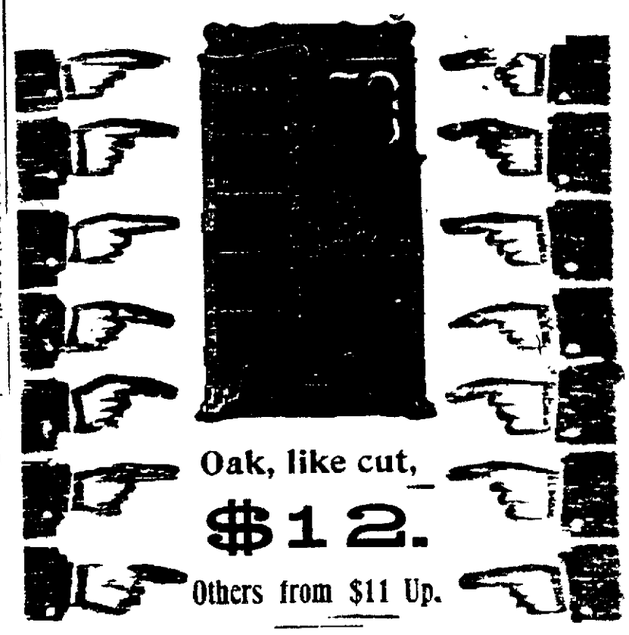

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FRIDAY, DEC. 27, 1895.

SOCIETY MEETINGS.

R. N. of A.—Regular meeting of Golden Crown camp, No. 129, this evening at 7:30. Election of officers.

O. E. S.—Regular meeting of Decatur Chapter No. 111, Order Eastern Star, at Masonic Temple this (Friday) evening at 7:30 o'clock. Installation of officers. Visiting members cordially invited. MRS. SOPHIA B. SHADE, W. M. S. J. STEELE, Sec.

MODERN WOODMEN.—Regular meeting of Decatur Camp, No. 144, M. W. A. in the old Calumet Club rooms on South Water street this (Friday) evening, at 7:30 o'clock. CHAS. W. DAY, V. C. G. P. LEWIS, Clerk.

I. O. G. T.—Regular meeting of Decatur Lodge No. 364, this (Friday) evening at 7 o'clock, sharp, in K. of P. hall, Library block, North Main St. EMMA WEIGAND, C. T. THEODORE COLEMAN, Secretary.

I. O. G. T.—Regular meeting of Faithful Lodge No. 419, I. O. G. T., this (Friday) evening, a. 7:30 o'clock, in their hall in Famous block, corner Central avenue and Broadway. All visiting Good Templars cordially invited to attend. Election of officers.

LOCAL NEWS.

USE WHITE LOAF FLOUR.

ASK your grocer for "FRIENDS' OATS."

BOTTLE and bulk perfumes at Whitley's.

CIGARS at $1.00 per box and up at Whitley's.

NEW YEAR'S Cigars at West's Drug Store.

IRWIN'S Iron Tonic Bitters cures indigestion and nervous exhaustion.

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IRWIN'S Toilet Cream is an excellent preparation for chaped hands.

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IF you have a cough use Irwin's Rock Balsam. It cures.

NO SUBSTITUTE or cheap drug used as prescriptions at Whitley's.

MAMA eats a Cascaret, baby gets the benefit. Cascarets make mother's milk mildly purgative.

USE HINKLE'S BEST FLOUR.

DR. L. E. COONRADT, Dentist, rooms 42 and 43, Fenton block. aug 24-dtf

THE Municipal Electric Company will occupy rooms on the third floor of the Loeb building when it is completed.

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ROSES, carnations, hyacinths, lily of the valley, violets and American beauties for Christmas. Adam Balmer, 325 North Water St. 20d6

Skates, Skates, Skates. C. L. Griswold & Co.

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THE new Haines piano for the new opera house is in the window at the C. B. Prescott music house. Step in and take a look at it. Learn low prices and easy terms.

After January 1, 1896, we close at 6:30 p. m., except Saturday. Pearl Oyster & Fish Co. dec26tojan1

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USE HINKLE'S BEST FLOUR

THE teachers and officers of the First M. E. Sunday school will hold a special meeting to-night in room No. 1 at the church to elect officers for the ensuing year.

MARKETS BY TELEGRAPH.

CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 27, 1895.

THE REPUBLICAN is indebted to B. Z. Taylor dealer in grain, provisions and stocks, with correspondents in Chicago, New York, Minneapolis and St. Louis, for the following market quotations:

	Opening.	Highest.	Lowest.	Closing.
Wheat—				
December	54½	—	—	54⅝
May	57¼	57¾	57	57⅜
Corn—				
December	25¾	—	—	25¼
January	25½	—	—	25⅝
May	27¾	27⅞	27¾	27⅞
Oats—				
December	17	—	—	17
May	18¾	18¾	18⅝	18¾
Pork—				
Jan	8.55	8.55	8.45	8.45
May	8.87½	8.87½	8.80	8.80
Lard—				
May	5.50	5.50	5.47½	5.47½
Ribs—				
May	4.47½	4.47½	4.45	4.35

May wheat: puts 57⅛; calls 58⅛.

TO-DAY'S RECEIPTS—CAR LOTS.

Wheat—270. Estimated, 238; Year ago, 44.
Corn—402. Estimated, 375; a year ago, 142.
Oats—301. Estimated, 250, a year ago, 44

ESTIMATES FOR TO-MORROW.

Wheat, 115; Corn, 165; oats, 110.

Minneapolis and Duluth got 430 cars of wheat against 739 a week ago to-day.

Hog receipts 8,000; estimatee 25,000. Market shade higher. Light, $3.40@$3.60; mixed $3.40@$3.55; heavy, $3.55@$3.65; rough, $3.40@$3.45.

Estimated for to-morrow, 15,000.

Cattle receipts 3,500 market steady.

Total clearances of wheat 88,000 bu.; flour, 41,000 bbls—equal to 272,000 bu. wheat.

Total clearances of corn, 439,000 bushels.

No cables until next Monday. London and Liverpool boards adjourned for Christmas holidays until that day.

DECATUR STOCK MARKET.

The following are the ruling prices paid by local dealers for stock:

Cows and Heifers	3.00@3.50
Steers	4.00@4.50
Hogs	3.25@3.40
Calves	3.50@4.00
Sheep	3.00
Export Cattle	4.50@5.00

Gail Borden Eagle BRAND Condensed Milk HAS NO EQUAL

INCREASED VALUES.

Property Out Near Fairlawn Park Booming.

The REPUBLICAN, at the time Mayor Conklin completed the agreement with the Wabash people for opening Eldorado street under the track, said that it would result in the appreciation of lot values west of the Wabash very materially. Of course passing under the track means paving of West Eldorado street and also the building of an electric street car track, in the near future, to the park along that street.

The prediction of this paper was verified in the sale of the Powers land adjoining the park at what two months ago might fairly be said reached fabulous figures for property so far out. The prospects, however, for West Eldorado street spoken of before have produced this advance in property at that end of the street. Since the sale of the Powers tract other parties have secured a partial option on another piece of property at good figures, figures much higher than would have been thought of two or three months ago, or before it had been decided that the railroad embargo on property west of it was arranged to be removed. This goes to show how much a public improvement often benefits property, and how good a thing for property-owners and the city in general the passage of Eldorado street under the Wabash track has proven to be.

Treat at East Park Chapel.

Last night the members of the East Park Baptist chapel held their Christmas exercises, and the affair was one of the most enjoyable and successful of the many holiday entertainments of the week. Under the direction of the superintendent of the school, J. Edward Saxton, the following program was given in excellent style:

Song .... School
Prayer ....
Greeting Song .... Primary Class
Reading—"Christmas in Siam" Carrie Kawolsky
Christmas Exercise and March .... Eight Girls
Duet .... George Owens and Bert Hamilton
Recitation .... Linnie Kemp
Recitation .... Maude Swaunce
Exercise and Song .... Primary Class
Recitation .... Ethel Carter
Selection .... Choir
Recitation .... Mamie Davis
Recitation .... Anna Kawolsky
Duet .... Myrtie Johns and Berna Witcher
Recitation .... Marie Miller
Recitation .... Mollie Feaster
Song—'87 ....

The chapel had been tastefully arranged for the celebration. On the platform there was a canopy of flowers and greens with other decorations throughout the room. There were 160 children in attendance and many grown persons. After the program the little folks were treated to candy and oranges.

Mrs. Ewing's Narrow Escape.

Mrs. Edwin A. Ewing in speaking of her sensational experience at her home on West Marietta street at 4 o'clock this morning said: "I just barely escaped alive. I was awakened by the stifling smoke, and saw at once that I could not get out by the stairway. I made a dive for my dresses and got two, which I carried to the nearest window over the front porch, and then I got my shoes, but I couldn't put them on until I got out on the porch. How I got off that porch I can't tell. I know that I got down safely and that a lot of people gathered about to witness the destruction of the place. All we've got left now is a big barn, with a string of chicken houses. I don't want any more experience with fire."

A Notable Event.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. E. Moeller and children returned to-day from Jacksonville, where they have been spending Christmas. On Christmas Day, at the home of Mrs. Moeller's parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. P. Ayer, there were 17 grandchildren present. Mr. Ayer's mother is still living at the advanced age of 90 years, and has 25 great-grandchildren. The venerable lady is remarkably active for one of such advanced age. She reads and sews every day, and only recently sent two quilts of her own make to the poor of Alaska.

At Rest.

The remains of the late Mrs. Nancy Blakeney, wife of B. F. Blakeney, were consigned to the grave at Georgetown in Vermilion county on Christmas day. Funeral services at Georgetown were largely attended. The bereaved husband and family, Allen Blakeney, Alonzo Blakeney and wife, Mrs. Sarah Thomas, Miss Malinda Ogden, of Decatur; William Boone, Frank Blakeney, of St. Louis, and G. W. Blakeney of Cerro Gordo, were present at the interment.

Gus Ahrens Makes a Good Trade.

Gus Ahrens has just completed a very satisfactory trade, which is a good thing for him and for Decatur. He has traded all of the old bottling works machinery for an entire new outfit of the most approved pattern, which will be put in the new $2,000 building to be erected as soon as the weather will permit. Mr. Ahrens and wife will leave for Indianapolis Monday and while there Mr. Ahrens will make his selections for the new establishment.

Cases Against Boys.

In a justice's court to-day the case against George Bell, the boy charged with having put a bullet in the head of a Piatt county boy with an air gun, was dismissed for want of prosecution.

Bert Snell and Tom Cooney, the boys charged with pilfering at the Gebhart store, each got one day in the county jail. Sentence passed by Judge Hammer.

Will Leave Macon.

George Hight, who has been connected in an official capacity with the canning factory at Macon has retired to enter the employ of the C. J. Off establishment at Peoria. Mr. Hight will travel most of the time. He is a gentleman of pleasant personal address and will be a valuable man for the Off enterprises.

Sales of Real Estate.

Charles E. Schroll to Fenandis B. Kemp, lot 1, block 1, North Side Park addition—$600.

FELT 50 MILES AWAY.

[Special to the REPUBLICAN.]

CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 27.—Three thousand pounds of dynamite exploded near Romeo on the Chicago draining canal at 4 o'clock this morning. No one injured but many buildings were badly shaken. The shock was felt over a radius of of 50 miles.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

At the Y. M. C. A. Rooms for Members Moved Away and Died.

The Y. M. C. A. will hold a memorial service Sunday at its rooms. The service will begin at 3:30, and will take the place of the meetings usually held Sunday afternoon for juniors and men. The services will be in memory of those members who have died in the last year or who have moved from the city. The association has lost three members by death, namely: Arthur Clary, H. P. Page and John Ray. Those who have moved away and the places to which they have moved are: Emil Linfield and Omar Canfield, at Moody Institute, Chicago; F. L. Dawson, assistant secretary Y. M. C. A., Springfield; A. T. Gordon, Englewood; Charles B. Taylor, Paris; S. W. Lehman, medical college, Chicago; John Blume, Joliet; Charles D. Elder, Cleveland, Ohio; George E. Wood, New York.

CHINESE WEDDING.

Peoria is Troubled About One—Cannot Find the Groom.

Peoria is wrought up over a once prospective Chinese wedding. Lee Hop it appears procured a marriage license last Tuesday from the county clerk to wed Sadie Leppert, an American woman. A diligent search through the city and among the almond-eyed people has failed to produce Lee Hop. A search was then made for the prospective bride with the same result. The wedding, it is said, was to take place New Year's day, but how that part of the arrangement got out, if there ever was such an arrangement, is not known. It is thought Lee got out the license early so that he could master all the details before the day of the wedding.

Christian Board Meeting.

About ten days hence the annual meeting of the official board of the Christian Church will be held, when action will be taken as to the retention of Rev George F. Hall as the pastor. There are said to be three or four officers of the church who do not like Mr. Hall. There are 25 members of the board, including the pastor. Mr. Hall is not greatly disturbed by what has appeared in the morning papers. He is not to be bluffed or scared out. He points with satisfaction to the fact that when he came here there were but 50 people in the congregation; that 474 have joined the church since his coming, and that now 1200 people regularly attend the services. He also states that the tabernacle property which is worth $6,000 is entirely out of debt, and that the imposition of the $1,500 mortgage on the Edward street property was brought about principally because certain parties failed to make pledged payments, or because the collections were delayed, until it was impossible to make the people come down. A large majority of the board stands by Mr. Hall as to his management and course of preaching.

Panic at Christmas Doings.

PEORIA, ILL., Dec. 26.—To-night at the First Presbyterian church the Christmas exercises ended abruptly. In the cantata, "Winter King," the principal character was impersonated by Howard Fisher. He got his robes too near the Christmas tree and was soon enveloped in flame, his cotton garments catching from the candles on the tree. Before he could remove his robes his hands, head and face were burned. A panic ensued and the large congregation rushed from the church, several being tramped under foot in their endeavor to get out. The church caught fire but was extinguished with $160 damage.

Temporary K. P. Hall.

The members of Cœur de Leon Lodge No. 17, Knights of Pythias, held their first meeting last night in the temporary quarters, old rooms of the Calumet club in opera block. The rooms have been fitted up very nicely for temporary use and will make a very acceptable home for No. 17 and other organizations, until the permanent quarters are secured in Powers' new six-story block. Last night the trustees were instructed to secure a piano for immediate use and a committee will report on the price and pattern for a suitable instrument.

Caught.

MONTICELLO, ILL., Dec. 26.—Clarence Jones and Henry Roberts were arrested to-day, charged with robbing the store of Byson & Bunyon, at Hammond, Ill. They succeeded in securing $100 worth of goods, and some of the stolen property was found on their persons when arrested. They are also charged with breaking into the store of Fleckner & Co., at Atwood, some time ago, and the shooting of Night Policeman Solomon. Jones had just been released from the Indiana penitentiary, where he served a term.

Supplying the Schools.

The laboratory of psychology of the University of Illinois is supplying the different schools of the state with optical test cards, by means of which the eyes of the pupils may be tested, and from the reports, as returned to the university, a more rational method of seating the pupils may be obtained.

Flowers for the Holidays.

Lowest holiday prices. Special display at the uptown office, J. B. Bullard's establishment on North Main street.

N. BOMMERSBACH,
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THE MAN WITH A VOICE.

He Cultivated It on an Illinois Farm and Then Made a Sensation in Congress.

New York Sun.

One of the interesting incidents at the opening session of a new Congress is the selection of the Reading Clerk of the House. The Reading Clerk is appointed by the Clerk of the House, but candidates for the place must take part in a competitive "speaking contest" before the House. John A. Reeve, who was Reading Clerk during Harrison's administration, was a politician from Cairo, Ill., now of Decatur, and one of the best known characters in Washington at the time. Reeve tells this story:

"I didn't suppose that I had any show for the place when it came to the test," said he, "for most of the candidates were college men and some were elocutionists, while the only elocution I had ever practiced was calling hogs in Southern Illinois, though I had been able to get up in a political meeting and make the fellows on the back seats hear me; so I thought I would go into this contest anyhow, and do my best in my own way.

"But you ought to have heard those elocutionists, the way they rolled their r's and hissed their s's and said 'uh' and 'l-l' was a caution! Some of them didn't talk like human beings, and others had voices so rich and melodious you couldn't hear them 40 feet away.

"By the time my turn came I had sized up the hall and knew just about where to throw my voice, and I determined to make myself heard if I did nothing else. Each candidate had received a copy of a House bill to read. I noticed that the other fellows started out this way: "Uh bill," and so on. Now "uh" is a sound that won't carry, and you can't attract the attention of the House by grunting 'Uh!'

"So when I started I sang out in a loud, clear voice that took them off their feet, 'A-a-a-a bill!'—long 'a'. They weren't used to that, and wondered what had broken loose, but it seemed to catch them. I saw I was on the right track, so I went on singing her out clear as a bell, and when I got warmed up I felt as good as I ever did in the hottest speech of a campaign.

"The thing they gave me to read was a terror. It had words in it as long as a dictionary, but I hurried up and slid through them, and was doing pretty well, when I looked down the page and saw a lot of Spanish proper names. Now I didn't know Spanish from Apache, but I was going about 100 words a minute, so without stopping I gave them two verses of a little German poem I had learned when a boy, and hang me, if a man in that hall seemed to know the difference except Congressman Niedringhaus, of St. Louis. You ought to have seen him laugh when he heard his native tougue worked off on the house of representatives for Spanish.

"Yes, I got the place, and it was the long 'a' and that German poetry that saved me."

IN GREAT LUCK.

A Decatur Lady One of the Heirs to Princely Millions.

In the mail yesterday came a wonderful letter to Mrs. Estella Conel, wife of William Conel, of 1072 North Monroe street. It came from her father, Cornelius Conel, of Hidalgo, Ill., and was as follows:

I expect that you will be surprised at this letter of good news to you and Eva, who are legal heirs of the Curl family, which has just fallen heir to an estate which is estimated to be worth $30,000,000 by the death of a rich merchant of Philadelphia, as you will see by the papers in the case sent me from Washington, D. C., to be signed and returned. I wrote to W. W. Dudley at Washington, D. C., to know the facts in the case and last week I received a reply from the firm of Dudley & Michener, attorneys, as to the facts. I also wrote to J. S. Vantrim, who is hunting up the heirs of the estate in Ohio of the Curl family. The case is now pending in the court of claims at Washington, D. C. I am acquainted with one of the Washington attorneys, W. W. Dudley, who was at one time commissioner of pensions.

The above is all the information the Conels possess in reference to the matter. Mr. Conel was busy yesterday seeing that the blanks sent were properly signed up. Johnson & Dimock attended to the details. It is expected that in the near future Mrs. Conel will receive her share of the many millions. Mr. Conel is a laborer.

The Wabash Change.

The *Globe-Democrat* to-day states that at a meeting of the Wabash board of directors in New York yesterday Mr. Joseph Ramsey, jr., the new general manager of the system, was unanimously elected vice president. He will now fill the dual position of vice-president and general manager of the Wabash, with headquarters in St. Louis, and will be the leading executive officer of the company in the west. The ex-general manager, Mr. Charles M. Hays, was at the St. Louis general office yesterday. He expects to leave for Canada at the close of the week in order to enter upon his new duties as general manager of the Grand Trunk railway at Montreal. He will be accompanied as far as Detroit by General Manager Ramsey of the Wabash. Official circulars will now appear announcing changes in heads of departments. What effect they will have on places in Decatur remains to be seen.

Broke a Bicycle Record.

A dispatch received from Santa, Monica, Cal., says that W. W. Hamilton, the Denver bicyclist, yesterday rode one-third of a mile, flying start, in 41 seconds. The former record was 43 seconds, made by S. P. Cox in Louisville.

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Marriage Licenses.

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W. A. Shoemaker, Maroa 27
Romina Bennett, Decatur 23

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Julian, the Pugilist's Brother-in-Law Calls Him an "Ungrateful Lubber."

EL PASO, TEXAS, Dec. 26. Martin Julian and Bob Fitzsimmons had some words last night at the opera house, where Fitzsimmons was giving an exhibition, and Julian announced to reporters to-night he would have nothing more to do with Fitzsimmons.

Julian, in explaining the row, said: "A few minutes before the time for the performance to begin last night Bob informed me he had left part of his wardrobe at his quarters in Juarez, Mexico, and wanted me to send over for it. I told him it was too late and that he must go on without the missing articles. He then flew into a passion, rushed out in front, ordered the doors closed, and told the crowd there would be no exhibition. Such actions disgusted me and I quit, and do not intend to have anything more to do with him. I have spent all the money on him I care to. He is an ungrateful lubber."

"Fitz" said to day that he was sorry Julian had gone off in a pet, but that he was able to get along without Julian. Friends of the two men say they will make up their quarrel, but Julian has announced his intention of leaving to-morrow for New York.

TALKED TOO MUCH.

Gen. Nelson A. Miles May Get Himself Into Trouble.

ST. LOUIS, MO., Dec. 27. A special to the *Globe Democrat* from Washington says: "The President and Secretary of War are seriously considering the advisability of silencing Gen. Miles. That they are much displeased by the indiscreet talk in which the general of the army has been indulging in regard to the weakness of this country's coast defenses and the general ability to carry war with assurances of success can be positively stated. Gen. Miles in his latest speech at Philadelphia has brought them to the limit of their forbearance. There not only did Gen. Miles blazon out the defenseless condition of his country, but the whole undercurrent of the position taken by the President. His chances for acquiring the title of Lieutenant General have been lessened, it is thought, by his recent utterances.

County Court.

Albert and Julius Rothschild, partners as Rothschild Bros., vs. Max Greenburg, confession; judgment for $169.50 and costs.

The jury failed to agree upon a verdict in the case of A. Harpstrite vs. W. C. DeSpain, action to recover $400. The jury was discharged. This is the second time the case has been tried, and it is the second mistrial. W. C. Johns and E. S. McDonald appeared for the plaintiff, and C. C. Leforgee for the defendant.

A motion was made this afternoon for a new trial by City Attorney Lee, on behalf of the city, in the matter of the widening of Monroe street, one block south of Decatur street. C. C. Leforgee appeared for the property owners. The verdict of the jury at the trial had some months ago was an allowance of $40 per foot. It is contended that this was against the evidence as the valuation was placed largely at $35, while one witness fixed it at $50.

Still Continues.

Disturbance of western passenger rates through the manipulation of party rates still continues. At a meeting recently held on the subject it was agreed that the use of identification should be abolished in the hope that such action would do away with the evils complained of. While it has helped things some it has not done away with all the trouble. Regular one-way rates are still being injuriously affected by the manipulation of these party rates. Another meeting will be held to-morrow at which means will be discussed for still further reducing the evil.

LINCOLN'S new electric light company will be incorporated for $10,000, with the following officers: C. H. Harts, president; J. St. Cerney, vice-president; A. S. Cadwallader, secretary; E. E. Woeitzki, treasurer.

MISS JOSIE CATE, of Iroquois, murdered her child by running a hatpin through its head and then taking it by the heels and beating its brains out over the footboard of the bed.

THE supervisors of Tazewell county have decided that the Spring Lake Hunting and Fishing Club are in possession of 1500 acres of land which the county can lay claim to.

AN Indian battleax weighing over ten pounds is on exhibition at Pekin. It was picked up in a field Saturday by a farmer living about three miles in the country.

AT Hoopeston, the $2,000 residence of Geo. V. Yates together with all its contents was burned to the ground. Insurance on house and goods, $1,300.

ALL prisoners hereafter becoming subjects of confinement in the Homer calaboose will be served with only bread and water as provided by law.

DE WITT'S Little Early Risers for biliousness, indigestion, constipation. A small pill, a prompt cure. West's drug store.

G. O. BARNES, late Democratic candidate for Congress from the Tazewell district, is seriously afflicted with cancer

AT the Smootz sale, near Tremont, on Monday, horses sold as high as $77 per head and cattle netted $50.

THE Champaign *Times* was 20 years old last Saturday.

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